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The countdown to Christmas has started and Milton Keynes Council is encouraging residents to keep up the good work with recycling during the festive season – traditionally the time of year when we all create more waste than ever.

Thankfully we are all recycling more at home, with recycling now a way of life for around three quarters of us. And the great news is that in Milton Keynes the recycling rate has reached an impressive 52% placing us in the top 10% for recycling of all councils in England - ranked 34 out of 380, and with your help we could get even closer to the top!

Christmas is a time when everyone spends far more on food than at any other time of the year – often buying far more than we can possibly consume. Each year in Britain we throw away £12 billion worth of good food from our homes, most of which ends up in landfill. But the Christmas holidays are the perfect time to think about making the most of the food we buy by getting to know your freezer.

Follow Love Food Hate Waste's fabulous food tips for making the most of your freezer to save you money and create less waste this Christmas: We keep our freshest (and often most expensive) food in the fridge, so keep tabs on the use-by dates. The freezer may be the best place for food you won't get round to eating in time.

• You can freeze most foods – hard cheeses can be frozen then grated without defrosting to use as pizza toppings or cheese on toast. Stilton freezes really well without grating and can be defrosted for the cheese board, a quiche or soup.

• If you make too much food over Christmas don't throw it away! Pop it in a container in the fridge or freezer and eat at a later date. That means you can enjoy Christmas treats long after the festivities have finished!

• Leftover party food such as quiches and sausage rolls can be frozen over Christmas and used in packed lunches for when you go back to work.

• When buying bread, put some straight into the freezer. It keeps perfectly for when you need it and you can use a sliced loaf at breakfast by toasting slices straight from frozen.

• Multi-buys, offers and discounts can be good value, as long as you plan how to use the extra food. Think about what festive meals you can cook with the food you buy and whether some of it could be frozen for later.

To find out more useful tips about how to store food, tantalising Christmas recipes and advice on freezing this holiday season, visit **www.lovefoodhatewaste.com**

Of course, any food you need to throw out – cooked or uncooked – can go into your green food and garden waste bin for weekly collection.

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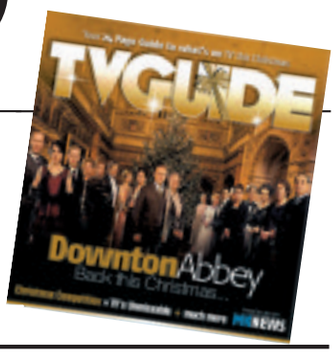

'It was awesome'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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RED Bull well and truly rocked MK on Saturday as 60,000 people gathered to watch their Formula One heroes speed up and down Midsummer Boulevard.

The huge crowd braved the bitter cold for hours before the event, to make sure they got a good seat for the unique experience.

And it seems the amassed fans could not have enjoyed the day more.

Commenting on www.mk-news.co.uk, Emilia Vincent said: "It was awesome. I went with my mum, dad and three friends and we really enjoyed it, and it was free.

"Beats sitting at home thinking 'I should have been there'."

Another comment online, from 'Maria', said: "Great day, my daughter and I were one of the lucky ones as we managed to get autographs from Mark Webber, Sebastian Vettel, David Coulthard and both Christian Horner and Adrian Newey.

"Fantastic day out. Well done to Milton Keynes and Red Bull Racing for putting on a great day, and for free.

"Smells and sounds of the cars were awesome. My daughter has gone into school today [Monday] to do a show and tell with photos, freebies from the Home Run and the autographs she got on Saturday - one proud girl."

But it was not only a great day for Red Bull and its fans, as the city is expected to reap the benefits of having the eyes of the world on it for the day.

Councillor David Hopkins, one of the organisers, said he understands footfall in the city for the day was up by around 20 per cent.

He said: "I was worried people might be put off coming if they weren't into F1, but that couldn't have been further from the truth.

"You couldn't get into the bars or cafes, especially once the event had finished.

"We have this saying - from concrete cows to red bulls - and we've seen that over the weekend."

Home run: Thousands of fans strain to see Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel as he makes his way up Midsummer Boulevard in celebration

Colin Fox, chief executive of Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce, reiterated the benefit to the local economy.

He said: "The Red Bull event was not only a great occasion, but a bonus for the leisure and retail businesses in Milton Keynes.

"The success of the Red Bull team has brought recognition internationally for the city, really putting Milton Keynes on the map for business."

During the event, Milton Keynes mayor, Councillor Alan Richards, was mobbed by international media, interested to find out more about the city.

He said: "Red Bull has done us proud and the kids will remember this day until they are old.

"I'm absolutely over the moon, as everyone here must be.

"It's fantastic and the benefits of today will be felt for a number of years to come.

"It signals to the UK and internationally that this is a good place to come, to live and bring up a family."

Red Bull driver Mark Webber explained what the day was all about for the team.

He said: "This is a good opportunity to say hello and thank you to the people who have been living close to where everything is designed and built.

"I think those living locally are very proud of what we've achieved and this is a special day for them."

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The Tawny Owl, Walnut Tree

After an extensive refurb over 18 months ago, a new vibrant manager Alex, the Tawny Owl is now a fantastic family pub, serving great food all year round.

Having recently being awarded CASK MASK 5 for its Ale and 4 stars for its food hygiene the Tawny Owl is now flying high as a local community pub.

Alex and her team strive to ensure all of their customers enjoy every moment of their time at the Tawny Owl by serving great food, great Ale and most importantly a great environment. Whether it be a quick bite to eat, family gathering, special occasion The Tawny Owl has it all.

Since taking the pub over in June 2010, Alex has grown the pub from strength to strength by hosting regular themed nights, family Fun, live music and supporting local charities. All of which have been a huge success in making the Tawny Owl a local family community pub.

Come and see for yourself and receive £5 off your food bill.

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Famous truck rolls in to MK

IT'S official - the holidays are coming.

The red and white Coca Cola truck made famous by the television adverts with the catchy jingle stopped at Asda in Bletchley and Midsummer Place in CMK on its national tour yesterday.

Travelling more than 6,000 miles on its tour, Milton Keynes was one of 11 stops in towns, cities and supermarkets across the UK and Ireland.

And lots of shoppers took the opportunity to have their photos taken with the iconic vehicle.

Zoe Howorth, Coca Cola marketing director, said: "The iconic Christmas Coca Cola trucks from the 'Holidays are Coming' advertising campaign are loved by millions of people across the world, and for many their appearance signals the start of the unofficial countdown to Christmas.

"We're really excited to be building festive anticipation across the country."

Bletchley youngsters Ephrain Witts, four, Bethany Marriot, ten, and Catlin Cripps, two, with the Coca Cola truck at Asda

Mum's tears over a lack of care for son

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE mother of a five-year-old who died in hospital five days after being admitted with breathing difficulties broke down as she told an inquest into his death how he 'didn't receive the care he should have'.

Harry Mould went several hours without seeing a doctor in Milton Keynes Hospital, and nursing staff had to be reminded to administer his medication, his mother Odette claimed.

The 'gifted and talented' youngster also had his treatment changed when he appeared to be improving, hours before his condition deteriorated, the hearing was told.

He was transferred from MK Hospital to the Leicester Royal Infirmary, where he died three days later.

Mrs Mould, 33, of Greenleys, described at the Leicester hearing how her son, who had asthma, was taken to A&E on March 26, 2009, when a persistent cough worsened.

The inquest heard Harry was initially treated with nebulisers every hour and 'seemed better'.

But the following morning a consultant, Dr Abraham Oommen, ordered a change in his treatment from nebulisers to ten puffs of an inhaler every four hours.

Mrs Mould told the hearing she wasn't convinced Harry should go onto four-hourly inhalers instead of nebulisers.

She added that Harry initially 'seemed okay' on the new treatment, but once the first hour had passed, he began to struggle.

She broke down in tears at one point, saying she had to 'indicate' to nurses when the treatment needed administering.

The inquest continues.

Arsonist burned own home

A WOMAN has been jailed for 18 months after setting fire to her own home.

Trudy Musgrave, 41, from Ramsons Avenue, Conniburrow, pleaded guilty to arson recklessly endangering life at Aylesbury Crown Court on Monday.

At 3.30pm on September 24, police were called to the house fire after a report people were trapped. Musgrave was found on the balcony and paramedics reported she was drunk.

A fire brigade report showed the blaze had been started deliberately from a naked flame being put to a lounge chair. Musgrave was arrested at 4pm after admitting starting the fire.

Candle warning after flat fire

THE fire service has issued a warning after an unattended candle set fire to a flat in CMK.

A tea light was left on a coffee table in the living room of a flat in Witan Gate East at 9.41pm on Friday, while the occupant went out.

It burnt through to the table and was starting to fill the room with smoke.

Chris Bailey, head of Bucks Fire and Rescue Service's community safety team, said: "A candle flame may be small, but more than five fires a day are started in the UK by candles. It only takes a moment's distraction for a fire to start, but the consequences can be tragic."

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Record lantern crowd

A RECORD number of visitors turned up to Wolverton's annual Lantern Festival on Saturday.

Festivities began in the Agora car park where lantern makers, including pupils from Wyvern School, and spectators gathered to parade the Victorian streets.

More than 300 lanterns and 1,000 people spilled onto the streets and danced to the music of local bands and sung along with the choirs.

Cash boost for HULA

HULA animal rescue shelter based in Aspley Guise has been given £5,000 by the 2011 Pedigree Adoption Drive, an initiative which aims to raise the awareness of dog abandonment.

HULA has rescued around 31,000 animals since 1972.

Inferno: The Swan Inn caught fire last Wednesday afternoon and at its peak 40 firefighters attended

Burnt out pub's Christmas wish

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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CHRISTMAS could yet be saved for one of the city's oldest and best-loved locals.

Disaster struck last Wednesday as the listed The Swan Inn in Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village, was devastated by a fire.

Not much remains of the pub following the blaze, which was reminiscent of one which gutted the same building 40 years ago.

But the restaurant section of The Swan Inn suffered only superficial damage and the team there now hopes locals will still have somewhere to celebrate Christmas and the New Year.

Investigations were still taking place as MK NEWS went to press, but Steve Wilkins, founder of Little Gems Country Dining which operates The Swan Inn, hopes there will be a pub in some form as early as next week.

Damaged: The pub the day after the blaze

"Subject to building and licencing approvals, we hope to be open on Friday, December 23, so we can deliver a service to our loyal customers for Christmas.

"We've had a fantastic response from our customers who had already made bookings, and I'm greatful they are being patient with us while we sort out the most appropriate alternative arrangements.

"There's a feeling of everyone pulling together and we are looking forward to getting to the point where our locals can have their pub open for Christmas.

"We've only been able to do this thanks to the fantastic efforts of the fire brigade."

■ **For more on this story and to see other pictures of the fire, visit our website - www.mk-news.co.uk.**

Fire strikes at building twice

IN A strange twist of fate, this is not the first time the same section of the pub has been hit by a fire.

This photo, dated August 1970, was taken following a fire in the thatched roof of the pub section of The Swan Inn.

Geoff Dawe, chairman of the Two Villages Archive Trust, told MK NEWS the building dates back to around 1650 and is thought to have been a pub for at least 200 years, possibly longer.

Your comments on this story

Post your thoughts online at www.mk-news.co.uk

I REMEMBER the pub very well, I used to always go there for lunch with my family and it was my local. Very sad, cannot believe it.
Lianne Maggs

IT IS so sad to see a piece of Milton Keynes history go up in flames. I've been in that pub with my husband and it was like going back in history. I hope they can repair it and bring it back into business again, I do not want to lose it.
Maureen Mason

VERY sad. Nice pub too - had lunch there with my parents today [last Wednesday] to celebrate my birthday. Glad nobody was injured, though I think a lot of people will be upset; especially the staff.
James Evans

VERY sad for the landlord that his business has gone up in smoke, the country has also lost an architectural treasure.
James Becker

VERY bad news! I had my last pint in there as a single man in 2001, before getting married in MK Village church. We were also due to go there for our works Christmas meal next week...such a shame.
Jason

SO SAD. My son had just started to work there on apprenticeship and was loving it. Thoughts to everyone - it's never a good time but Xmas is hard. I hope it's back up and running soon.
Steve

GLAD to hear everyone's okay.
Susan

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Stop rubbish charge

SIR - The three pictures accompanying your report on the Tory's council budget were very apt – the council leader and two piles of rubbish (MK NEWS, December 7).

Charging residents £25 to have their rubbish taken away is not just outrageous, it will lead to the city becoming filthy. I have been a councillor for 18 years and in that time, my most consistent job in a changing world has been informing people of the free collection service and helping them use it.

Parish councils, Neighbourhood Action Groups, as well as council and contractors' staff, have done a great job encouraging everyone to keep things clean. It doesn't take many people who don't care to bring a whole street down.

There will be people who won't want to pay and just leave their rubbish. Some will fly-tip and the council could spend a lot of money clearing this up.

However, there are others who will leave rubbish on their drives and in their gardens. Now when asked, such people will usually agree to use the council's free service. The prospect of them doing so if they have to pay £25 is considerably less.

There is little anyone can do to get people to take unsightly things off their own property if they are not hazardous. That sight brings a street down. This charge will make Milton Keynes a much worse place to live.

Let's hope the Tories have a change of heart and start to care about the environment and not just the money.

Councillor Cec Tallack
Campbell Park Ward, MK Council

Traffic flow will suffer

SIR - At its development plan exhibition last week, thecentre:mk claimed that the £30million project will improve connections between the shopping centre and the rest of CMK.

Surely, this is pure sophistry.

The principal route into CMK for traffic travelling from the north of the city is via the recently reopened Secklow Gate bridge.

Clearly, demolishing this bridge will not improve traffic flow. Motorists wishing to visit the Food Centre or the Theatre District, for example, will be forced to take a circuitous route via Campbell Park or Silbury Boulevard.

The development will not improve pedestrian connections either. Right now, one can get to the Theatre District or The Point from the shopping centre very safely by walking under the bridge. Removing the bridge and levelling Midsummer Boulevard will require pedestrians to cross over this very busy road.

Director of thecentre:mk Robert Hall's claim that the development team is responding to the ever-changing retail environment is laughable. His prime objective is to cram in ever more unnecessary shoe, jewellery and fashion shops etc into the shopping centre to increase rental income.

Michael Devine
Stantonbury

Democracy at work

SIR - It is most unlike Martin Petchey to get his facts so completely wrong, as in his letter 'Why agree to this change?' (MK NEWS, November 30).

When asked by Milton Keynes Council whether residents wished to stay with Campbell Park Parish Council (CPPC) or do something else, the majority of answers were in favour of leaving CPPC.

It is true that when CPPC asked residents to support its efforts to keep Willen, some residents did so. But this wasn't a survey, as their reply-paid tear-off only offered one of the options.

Most recently, I wrote to all residents of Willen giving them both options and the responses were two to one in favour of joining Great Linford Parish. So on both occasions when residents were offered a choice, they voted against staying in CPPC.

I and my fellow ward councillor were both therefore pleased when the council voted to support the majority view of Willen residents. True democracy.

Councillor Catriona Morris
Conservative, Linford South

Fast track railway link

SIR - It has been reported in your paper that the East West Rail line will be reinstated according to the Chancellor's Autumn Statement ('MK-Reading line to be reopened', MK NEWS, November 30).

The East-West Rail line will connect services from Bedford and Milton Keynes Central through Bletchley and westwards to Oxford, Reading and Aylesbury.

This is welcome news to the residents in the Milton Keynes area, however there is a snag.

Network Rail spent more than £30million to upgrade the Bletchley and Bedford line. There was a proposal to extend the service to Milton Keynes Central so that passengers from Bedford to Milton Keynes can travel without getting down at Bletchley. The same thing applies to passengers travelling from MK to Bedford.

In spite of spending a large amount of money on the Bletchley to Bedford line, there is only a limited service once every hour on weekdays and there is no Sunday service. Unless the service between Bletchley and Bedford is extended to Central Milton Keynes as soon as possible and running additional services, the entire project of extending the services to Oxford is not going to be viable.

The operators should think seriously about how to improve the services between Bletchley and Bedford.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent by e-mail

'My faith is restored'

SIR - I stepped off a bus, leaving on the seat a small briefcase containing my wallet with all cards, driving licence and cash.

This letter is to thank the passenger who gave the briefcase to the driver, the driver who conveyed it safely to the depot and the two other bus drivers who took time to phone the depot to find out if the briefcase had been recovered and where I should go to retrieve it.

My sincere thanks to them all. This restores my faith in human nature.

James Scott
Summerhayes, Great Linford

Jon Brett's City Life

His fortnightly column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Beware the spectres of Christmases past

CHRISTMAS wouldn't be Christmas without a ghostly tale.

And you don't have to travel far in Milton Keynes to find yourself in one of the most haunted hotspots in the country.

Just north of Stony Stratford is the tiny, but spooky, hamlet of Passenham. So little is known about this group of about 15 dwellings that arguments often rage about where exactly it is – is it Buckinghamshire or Northamptonshire?

But if you're brave enough to take a late night stroll along the River Ouse, close to the site of the old mill, where you are will be the last thought on your mind. Because legend has it that the area is haunted by two terrifying ghosts and a garrison of Roman soldiers who died constructing nearby Watling Street.

But it is Sir Robert Bannister, who took ownership of Passenham Manor, *pictured,* in 1626, that locals fear the most.

It is believed that Bobby personally orchestrated the destruction of many of the homes in the village as a tax dodge, while at the same time constructing the local church.

But it was late on a cold night at Christmas that Bobby left his ghostly footprint forever. Deciding to go out hunting alone, he fell from his horse, breaking his neck.

His body, limp and lifeless, was dragged by his stirrups back to the Manor by his horse, his head being virtually severed as he crashed over the bumpy terrain.

Locals say the ghostly apparition of a headless horseman can often be seen in the area, galloping along the fateful route taken that cold Christmas night.

And, it's said, the screams of a young Deanshanger girl being crushed at the site of the old mill can often be heard throughout the year when, for reasons unknown, she jumped into the mill, letting out a piercing scream as the giant wheel turned and crushed her to death.

Have a happy and safe Christmas and I look forward to writing for you again in the New Year.

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Worker tied up in gunpoint robbery

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AN EMPLOYEE at a garden centre was tied up and threatened with a gun in a robbery on Monday morning.

The 34-year-old worker at Frosts Garden Centre was opening up the premises in Newport Road, Woburn Sands, just after 6.30am when he was approached by a man dressed all in black with his face covered.

He threatened the employee and forced him at gunpoint to open up the area of the premises where the safe is kept.

He then stole an unknown quantity of cash and fled the scene by forcing his way out of a fire exit.

It is believed he ran off across fields in the direction of Wavendon Gate.

The employee, who was left shaken but unharmed following the incident, described the offender as 5ft 7ins and of a stocky build.

Investigating officer DS Luke Grove, based at Milton Keynes CID, said: "This was a very frightening ordeal for the victim who thankfully was not harmed.

"His hands were bound during the incident but he managed to free himself to raise the alarm.

"I am appealing for anyone who saw a man walking or running across fields in the area of the garden centre, either before or following the incident, to come forward.

"We have limited information on his appearance as he was wearing black clothes and had his face covered."

Crime scene: Frosts Garden Centre is now open for business as usual

If you can help, call DS Grove via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101. If you don't want to speak to police or leave your name, call the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Nightclub jobs saved

AN ESTIMATED 3,000 jobs have been saved after nightclub operator Luminar, which is based in Rooksley, was bought in a deal thought to be worth £45million.

The company, which owns clubs including Oceana in Xscape, announced it had entered administration in October after it was unable to meet some of its repayment obligations.

Villages' £15k present

A GROUP of retired fundraisers have donated a Christmas present of more than £15,000 to two city retirement villages.

The ExtraHope fundraising group, set up by residents living at Lovat Fields, Willen, and future residents of Shenley Wood, raised the money to put towards the new village's centre, as well as donating £1,000 to be put to use at Lovat Fields.

Computer kid is tops

A STUDENT who completed his A-levels at Shenley Brook End School is officially the best computing student in the UK.

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Man accused of Manning murder back up in court

THE man accused of the murder of 18-year-old Rachel Manning in Milton Keynes 11 years ago is unlikely to stand trial, if he pleads not guilty to the charge, until the summer.

Shahidul Ahmed, 40, appeared at Luton Crown Court on Friday via a video link to HMP Woodhill where he is being held on remand. The charge was not put to him but a timetable was set for the progress of the case.

Ben Gumpert, prosecuting, described it as 'an unusual case' because another man was tried, convicted and then cleared of the charge.

He said Mr Ahmed had been arrested following developments in scientific evidence found at the scene. He also said that realistically the prosecution and defence would not be ready for a trial until late summer next year.

Judge Richard Foster allowed the extra time and remanded Mr Ahmed, of Chestnut Crescent, Bletchley, in custody until March 27 next year when the charge will be put to him. There was no application for bail.

Miss Manning disappeared after attending a family party on December 9, 2000.

Domesday is at your fingertips

A NEW Domesday multimedia Touchtable has been unveiled at The National Museum of Computing (TNMOC) at Bletchley Park.

The innovative Touchtable, currently only one of three in the UK, enables up to four users to explore maps, pictures, stories, videos and comments from a wealth of location-specific information from 1986 and 2011.

It is open to the public during TNMOC's usual opening times.

The Touchtable was developed as part of the BBC's Domesday project, when the public were invited to contribute images and text about their local areas.

■ Read about the petition to pardon Alan Turing on page 13.

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Gypsy site meeting 'total waste of time'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THOSE living near to a proposed travellers' site have been left 'fuming' following a meeting to discuss its future last week.

Milton Keynes Council's safer and stronger select committee believes work at the controversial site in Fenny Lock should proceed as originally planned.

In August the Conservative administration suspended development of the area after £600,000 had already been splashed out on clearing woodland.

Work had been started by the previous Liberal Democrat-run council, but the Conservatives said 'further investigation' was required.

A review which looked into whether the £1.2million left in the pot could be better spent elsewhere was called for, with new homes and refurbishing existing properties among the other options.

The committee met last Tuesday night to look at the options, but members agreed the current scheme should continue, meaning the matter will be referred back to the cabinet.

That has left some residents feeling angry, and accusations have been levelled at the Lib Dems, whose councillors made representations at the meeting, that they are 'abandoning the city's homeless'.

Contentious: *From left*, Mick Harper, John Groves, Jeannette and Peter Savage on board Little Gem point out the proposed gypsy site

Resident John Groves said: "The Lib Dems are desperate to try to persuade the committee that their policies from 1998 onwards have to be adhered to.

"They aren't prepared to look at the 2011 circumstances of the homeless in Milton Keynes."

"Residents are absolutely fuming - it was a total discord of a meeting.

"The committee was designed to discuss the options open and that didn't happen. It was a total waste of time."

■ **What do you think - should work on the travellers' site continue? E-mail your views to editor@mk-news.co.uk.**

Warm: Suzanne Campbell, Aum Raykar, Sophie Shrimpton, Hilary Marsden, Yuya Naito and Emma Simmonite

Kids help elderly to wrap up warm this winter

CHILDREN at The Webber Independent School have been helping older people to wrap up warm this winter by launching the Donate a Blanket campaign with Age UK Milton Keynes.

With the prospect of rising energy bills and further cuts in Winter Fuel Payment assistance, predictions of a cold, snowy winter come as a double dose of bad news for the elderly.

But the blankets donated by the school will help to alleviate the problem, as they are being taken to sheltered homes and additional blankets are being sold in Age UK shops.

The children have been taking in blankets and the school's textiles lessons have been teaching them how to hand sew patchwork throws.

To donate a blanket, visit the reception of the school in Stantonbury Fields between 9am and 4pm.

Inquiry into water company's prices

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city's water supplier is being investigated as to whether it abused its position and infringed on competition law.

Water industry regulator Ofwat has issued a 'statement of objections' to Anglian Water in relation to its pricing for water to the Fairfields development site near Kiln Farm.

The regulator believes the company's pricing for a water supply to the site may have resulted in a 'margin squeeze' for third parties wishing to provide services such as sewerage there.

Although there is a monopoly on water supplies to a given region, the provision of water and sewerage services to new developments is open to competition.

A margin squeeze means the supply could have been priced in such a way that third parties would not have been able to make a profit on services, and so would have excluded competition for the new development.

Regina Finn, Ofwat chief executive officer, said: "If we find rules have been broken we will take action."

This action could include a fine.

Anglian Water said it denies any wrongdoing and would be contesting the allegations vigorously.

A spokesman said: "We would stress the issuing of such a statement is a step in the investigation process, it does not mean that Anglian Water has committed any infringement."

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Super-fast comments

THERE'S still time to have your say on the future provision of super-fast broadband in the city, and to let Milton Keynes Council know about you current internet provision. The council and partners are conducting a survey for businesses and residents, which will finish on December 31. The results will be shown to potential future providers. Visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mylocalbroadband to have a say.

6,000 meals donated

A FOOD donation drive by the city centre's Sainbury's has seen customers donate enough food to provide 6,000 meals for people in poverty across the UK. The supermarket and its partner FareShare held the drive on Saturday, November 26.

Christmas lunch saved

CHRISTMAS has been saved for volunteers and residents at one community centre.

After the chef due to cook 40 three-course Christmas lunches for people at Beanhill Moorlands Centre was taken ill, the festive meal was cancelled.

But community mobiliser Kat Newman then approached care charity MacIntyre, which will have operations at the centre in the new year, and it agreed to help.

Ms Newman said: "I'm sure MacIntyre are going to be a great asset to Beanhill - and what a way to introduce themselves."

MP flies flag for 'Made in MK'

ONE of the city's MPs has been promoting 'Made in Milton Keynes' by visiting businesses in his constituency.

MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart visited Two Trees Photonics, a technology start-up based in Knowlhill, and Kiln Farm-based Mechline Developments Ltd.

The MP wants to fly the flag for products developed in the city to increase businesses' profiles.

He said: "I make it a duty to visit as many local businesses in my constituency as I can so that I can better understand what works and what doesn't."

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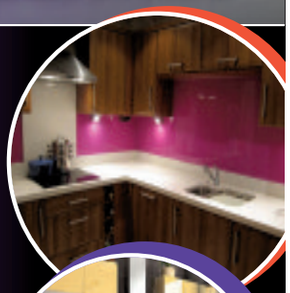

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Crowds turn to celebrate

AN ESTIMATED 60,000 people from all over the world descended on Milton Keynes on Saturday as Red Bull Racing put on a big show to celebrate its F1 championship wins this season.

Sebastian Vettel and Mark Webber both drove their F1 cars up and down Midsummer Boulevard, while David Coulthard appeared in a Nascar and Chris Pfeiffer showed off his skills on his stunt bike.

Media from as far as Azerbaijan travelled to the city to get a glimpse of the drivers and the team, while fans came from all parts of the country to join in the celebrations.

Red Bull team principal Christian Horner told MK NEWS: "Today is all about giving something back to the community.

"Such a lot of our workforce is in and around the local area and this is an opportunity for them to see the cars in action, and also give the fans something.

"It's the first time we've had Seb and Mark running together. Hopefully it was a good show and thankfully the weather was good for us.

Mark Webber

Sebastian Vettel in his F1 car

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out in force F1 success

Mark Webber in his F1 car

"It's great to see so many fans and supporters of the team out there.

"I think Milton Keynes is a great place to be based – it's very central, up the road from Silverstone and our workforce is very locally based.

"There's never been any discussion about moving the team, we get tremendous support from the council and without it today wouldn't have been possible.

"It's great to give something back."

Vettel, Webber and Horner were mobbed by fans before and after the event in the F1 paddock, which had been set up to showcase some of the complex technology on display in each of the cars.

The roar of the cars speeding along the Boulevard, which had been granted a temporary 70mph limit, deafened the crowd – some of whom had been braving the bitter cold for five hours to make sure they got a good view of their heroes.

The day ended with a victory parade for the team, with the drivers, Horner and chief technical officer Adrian Newey waving to the crowd.

Stunt Rider Chris Pfeiffer shows off his skills

David Coulthard in a Nascar

The BBC press team with MP Iain Stewart in the Red Bull pit area

Sebastian Vettel

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Eyes of the world focus on city racers

THE world was literally watching Milton Keynes on Saturday.

News teams from all over the UK, Ireland, Germany, Bulgaria, and as far away as Georgia and Azerbaijan paid a visit to the city to grab interviews with Sebastian Vettel and Mark Webber.

Television presenter Gunel Allahverdiyeva was on her first visit to England with Azerbaijani station ANSTV.

She said: "Formula 1 is something new for us in Azerbaijan, and it's the first time we've covered it, but Red Bull invited us to come along.

"It's been a great day. Milton Keynes is nice, it's very interesting, the people were really nice to us and overall it was an enjoyable day."

Ekaterina Kadagishvili, a reporter with Georgian station Rustavi 2, agreed.

She said: "The most interesting thing for me today was to see how a small city changed into a very important place. Many people have come and it's created many jobs for the day.

"Georgia is also a small country with small cities – if we had something like this it would be great for the country.

"It's great how the city has supported the event and I think it is amazing how even small children know who Vettel and Webber are."

'Great day': Azerbaijani TV presenter Gunel Allahverdiyeva

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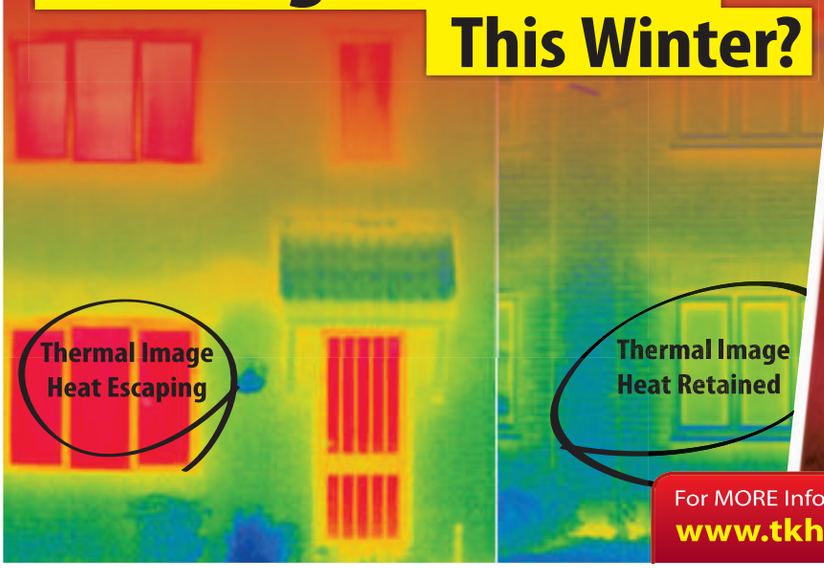

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Oscar, 4, snubs Vettel's offer to sign new cap

AMONG the crowds on Saturday were hundreds of young F1 fans, eager to get a glimpse of their racing heroes.

But when an opportunity to get the most sought-after signature in the world of motorsport presented itself to four-year-old Oscar Campbell-Walker, *pictured left*, he had to say no.

That's because he didn't want two-time F1 champion Sebastian Vettel to 'scribble' on his new cap.

Oscar's parents had taken the motor-mad youngster to see his favourite team perform on the streets of MK, when Vettel began walking down the line of children to sign their head gear.

Mum Clare said: "Oscar's an F1 fan, just like his dad.

"Earlier on he had picked up his new Pirelli hat, which he wore all day and even went to bed in.

"Vettel was going along signing all the kids' hats and when he reached Oscar and went to sign his, Oscar said 'don't scribble on my hat, it's a new one'.

"We tried to explain it was his signature, but it was his new hat he was concerned about, so that was that."

Perhaps it's because Vettel isn't actually Oscar's favourite driver.

Clare added: "He prefers Mark Webber – I really don't know why."

Happy fans enjoy celebration of 'unbelievable' season

FANS travelled from far and wide on Saturday, putting Milton Keynes at the centre of motorsport's map for the day.

Some of those in the crowd included the 'unofficial official' Christian Horner Fan Club – a national group set up to honour the team's principal.

Jenny and Iain travelled down from Stoke-on-Trent the night before and got up early to try to meet their heroes.

Jenny said: "Apart from the cold, this has been a really fantastic day. It's the first time I've been to a show run. We went to an event in Cardiff, but this one is a lot different. This is a big celebration, everyone's happy and that's what's really nice about it."

Waliid travelled up from London on the morning of the event.

He said: "I've seen the world championship and all the races and to see the champions live is a great feeling. It's been an unbelievable season for them. It's the first time I've been to Milton Keynes and I've got a very good impression."

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Petition to pardon computer pioneer

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THOUSANDS of people are petitioning the Government to pardon world-famous codebreaker Alan Turing of the homosexual 'crimes' of which he was convicted.

In 1952 Turing, *pictured*, whose work at Bletchley Park is credited with shortening the Second World War by two years, was prosecuted for homosexual acts and agreed to undergo a course of oestrogen injections, or chemical castration, as an alternative to going to jail.

In September 2009, then Prime Minister Gordon Brown issued a public apology after pressure from an internet campaign.

But now an e-petition has been set up to lobby the Government to formally pardon Turing.

It reads: "We ask the HM Government to grant a pardon to Alan Turing for the conviction of 'gross indecency'.

"In 1952, he was convicted of 'gross indecency' with another man and was forced to undergo so-called 'organo-therapy' - chemical castration.

"Two years later, he killed himself with cyanide, aged just 41.

"Alan Turing was driven to a terrible despair and early death by the nation he'd done so much to save.

"This remains a shame on the UK government and UK history. A pardon can go to some way to healing this damage.

"It may act as an apology to many of the other gay men, not as well known as Alan Turing, who were subjected to these laws."

Already 16,000 people have signed the petition and if it has 100,000 signatures by November 23, 2012 it could be debated in the House of Commons.

Professor Barry Cooper, a mathematics lecturer at the University of Leeds, is the chairman of the Turing Centenary Advisory Committee, set up to celebrate 100 years since Turing's birth next year.

He feels 2012 would be an apt time for a pardon.

He said: "There's a feeling that the apology from the Prime Minister in 2009 really wasn't quite enough and what we really wanted was a complete wiping of the slate as far as the conviction went.

"I think this petition has taken off in an amazing way and shows the depth of feeling around these issues.

"People feel he was such an important figure during the early stages of the world war and it was really disgraceful the way he was treated.

"I think it would be a wonderful thing to happen in his centenary, to honour his achievements."

If you want to sign the petition, you can do so at https://submissions.epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/23526.

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Genie magic

Anita Dobson

THREE of the stars of this year's Strictly Come Dancing have been confirmed as the genie in Milton Keynes Theatre's panto Aladdin, supported by MK NEWS.

We have already heard from professional dancer Camilla Dallerup and this week JUDY RILEY speaks to the two other celebrities – dancing novices Russell Grant and Anita Dobson

ANITA Dobson is a real EastEnder. Yes, we all know her as Angie Watts, the original, larger-than-life, booze-soaked landlady of the Queen Vic in Walford.

You don't forget a character and a performance like that in a hurry. Or even after 23 years, which is how long it's been since she left the show.

But Anita is a fine actress and, in the almost quarter century since quitting the BBC soap, has enjoyed a career that has taken in both stage and television work.

But her family really did come from the East End of London and Anita was born and brought up in Stepney. It may not have been a theatrical background as such, but from quite early on she knew exactly what was required of a performer.

"My great-great grandfather was an opera singer," she said.

"And I had an uncle who entertained the forces during the Second World War and then was in the early Goon shows.

"My mother used to sing when she was in the forces too and my father was a great fan of Oscar Wilde and was always quoting from William Shakespeare.

"He gave me a copy of the Complete Works of Shakespeare when I was still quite young.

"I loved English lessons at school and reading out loud in class.

"When I was four years old my granddad and my mum took me to the Hackney Empire to see the panto. I spent the whole show

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singing and dancing in the aisle.

At that point my granddad said to my mum 'You want to watch her; she's got sawdust in her blood'.

"As I got older, on Sunday afternoons I used to watch the film matinees on the telly. I loved it; I'd sit through them, weeping copiously."

SATURDAY nights will never be the same again. However, every night at Milton Keynes Theatre in the week leading up to Christmas will be fabulous, darling.

Russell Grant, the man who for two months on the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing (SCD) proved that you don't have to be a size zero to be a folk hero, is coming to town.

We tracked him down for a chat shortly before the opening night – no mean feat because, these days, he's a very busy man. He'd just come off the phone from Flavia Cacace, his adored SCD professional dance partner.

But for Russell, known to millions as the voice of the stars – star signs that is – getting out on stage in front of a live audience is a real homecoming.

"Returning to the theatre is absolutely fantastic," he said. "And it's all down to Strictly. That was the only show I ever wanted to do – all that glamour and glitz."

It's certainly a long way from Butlins where Russell started off in the business as a Redcoat entertaining the happy campers. But it's not a million miles from treading the boards of the London Palladium or appearing on TV as a young actor in shows such as Doctor in the House and On the Buses.

As for what Russell hopes to bring to Aladdin, it's: "Fun and entertainment. I have had the most amazing response from young people watching Strictly.

"There's a brand new audience out there and they've been so lovely sending presents and gifts that I'm writing a book about them. Now it's time to give something back.

"I have a vision for theatre arts and I'm closely involved with a 'showbiz' academy in North Wales where I live."

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For more on this year's panto, including a review, turn to our TV Guide.

Russell Grant

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Christmas trimmings

THE big man in the big red suit has been getting his big bushy beard chopped.

The city's favourite Santa, Eric Frost, took time out from his grotto at Dobbies Garden Centre to get spruced up at MK College's Parkside salon. Santa (Eric) said: "You can't beat the price and they do a fantastic job at keeping my beard and hair just perfect for the job."

And to say thanks for his custom, the salon is giving members of his favourite charity, Bletchley Firefighters, free treatments and meals at the college's restaurant.

For the chop: Santa, AKA Eric Frost, gets a beard trim from student barber Carlo Colucci watched by tutor Sadie Birtwell, while trainee chefs Ellen Heavey and Jack Baker provide the mince pies

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Councillor's pay rise call for low earners

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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PAY rises for all those earning less than £21,000 a year at Milton Keynes Council have been called for.

Liberal Democrat councillor Chris Williams also believes no more increases should be granted for those at the higher end of the council's pay scale.

He made his demand at a meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee, which considers recomendations on negotiations made between the council and its employees on issues such as pay and conditions, last Monday.

Cllr Williams said: "Inflation, increased gas and electricity costs and rising food prices have eaten into the take home pay of staff, particularly those on low incomes.

"It is time to give a £250 per year increase to everyone who gets £21,000 or less - but no more public money should be given to those at the 'top of the tree' who are already on large salaries.

"The Liberal Democrats call upon Milton Keynes Council to reward the lower paid with an immediate pay rise."

The issue is now set to be discussed in the new year.

A council spokesman said: "We are aware that this issue will be raised at the next meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee (Employer's Side) in January."

■ **What do you think?**
You can email your comments to editor@mk-news.co.uk.

Doreen's swimming club's award is grand

A SWIMMING club in Bletchley is one of five UK-wide community projects to be awarded a grant of £1,000.

Quest Swimming Club, based at Leon School, won the cash as part of Nisa's 'Be a local hero!' competition in association with Proctor & Gamble.

The competition aimed to donate £5,000 to clubs, centres and organisations throughout the country to kick-start change in local communities and help create a better future for people of all ages and backgrounds.

The club is run by 74-year-old Doreen Adcock, winner of the BBC Sports Unsung Hero award at the 2009 Sports Personality of the Year, and everybody is treated the same regardless of age or ability.

She said: "We are over the moon to be one of the winning clubs and this will mean a lot to the children who swim with us."

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MP airs his view on mast decision

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE decision to grant a planning application for a large wind farm was described as a 'blatant slap in the face for localism' by an MP in a question to the Prime Minister.

Last Wednesday, MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, *pictured*, raised the issue of Nun Wood wind farm with David Cameron during Prime Minister's Questions.

The application by RWE npower renewables to build a 12-turbine farm between the villages of Lavendon, Bozeat and Harrold was originally rejected after three local authorities, including Milton Keynes Council, objected to the plans.

But the company appealed the decision and the Planning Inspectorate, which decides contentious applications, last month overturned the rejection and gave the green light to the development.

But Mr Lancaster said this decision was brought forward by three months to be made the day before the Localism Bill got Royal Assent to become law.

Had it been ratified into law before the Planning Inspectorate made its ruling, it is likely the decision of the local authorities would have been upheld.

In his question to David Cameron, Mr Lancaster said: "The Prime Minister will understand my constituents' anger. Will he look into what appears to be a blatant slap in the face for localism?"

In his response, Mr Cameron said: "As a result of the changes we are making it will not be possible in future to overrule such decisions so as to meet a regional target, because we have now got rid of those regional targets.

"We are giving much more authority and many more decision-making powers to those local bodies. Our planning reforms will ensure that local people and their councils decide what people need and how to meet that need."

Mr Lancaster has now said he will be looking into what action can be taken against the decision.

"This is a real slap in the face for localism and the timing of the inspector's decision stinks," he said. "I am pleased that the Prime Minister has made it clear that now the Localism Bill has been made law this is a situation that is unlikely to happen again but that does little to help my constituents who oppose these plans. I am determined to pursue this matter to see what action the Government can take to have another look at this particular application."

■ From next week Mr Lancaster will be writing a monthly column for MK NEWS. If you would like to pose questions to him, email editor@mk-news.co.uk.

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Kids' Christmas cards for Queen

CHRISTMAS cards designed by two lucky school pupils will be sent to the Queen in support of Milton Keynes' city status bid.

In a competition run by city MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart, children were invited to submit their Christmas card designs.

Judges Anthony Spira, director of MK Gallery, and MK NEWS reporter Adam Grinsell chose the deserving winning entries, from nine-year-olds Eliza Liu, from Caroline Haslett School, and Megan McEvoy from Stanton School.

Megan said: "I'm a bit scared I might get a letter from the Queen."

Cracking cards: Eliza Liu and Megan McEvoy with, *from left*, Iain Stewart, Adam Grinsell, Anthony Spira and Mark Lancaster

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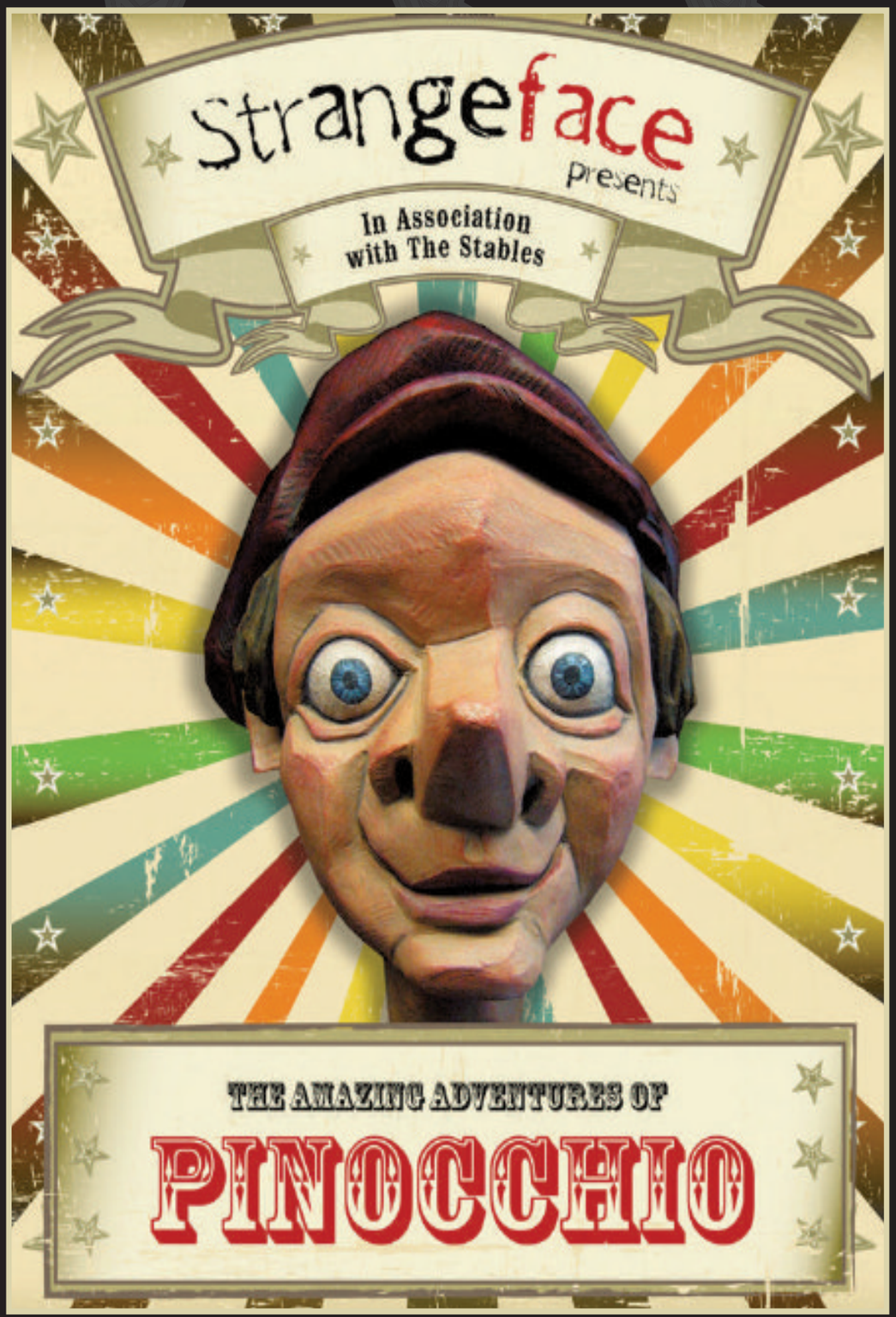

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Pick of Christmas TV and films

FOR many families settling down to watch the Christmas telly is an essential part of the season. You've stuffed yourself silly and drank a little bit too much so what could be better than unwinding on the sofa to view some of the biggest shows of the year? As usual some big guns will be serving up festive specials this year, so MK NEWS has taken a look at what promises to be a cracker of a line-up...

TEXT SANTA, ITV1, CHRISTMAS EVE, 7.30pm

GEORDIE duo Ant and Dec will be asking you to dig deep as part of this charity fundraiser. Everything raised will go towards giving some festive cheer to some of the country's most vulnerable people and a whole host of famous faces will take part in this three-hour bumper show, including Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley.

LAPLAND, BBC1, CHRISTMAS EVE, 10pm

SUE Johnston (or Barbara from the Royle Family as you may know her) stars in this heart-warming comedy on the night before Christmas. She plays Eileen, mum of the large Lewis family who save up all year to make sure of a magical yuletide. This year, they really go the extra mile with a package trip to Lapland. But they discover that the world of huskies and reindeer isn't completely what they expected.

DOCTOR WHO, BBC1, CHRISTMAS DAY, 7pm

THIS year's festive treat is entitled 'The Doctor, the Widow and the Wardrobe' so there are no prizes for guessing that Narnia is involved. It's another mesmerising, magical story that will have the whole family glued to the screen. Expect another thrilling battle for the Doctor, as he attempts to help some children have the best Christmas ever. The festive season wouldn't be the same without his capers.

DOWNTON ABBEY, ITV1, CHRISTMAS DAY, 9pm

IT'S FAIR to say that this is the big one for many Christmas telly watchers this year. Downton is nothing short of a phenomenon, it's close to becoming a national institution. So what can we expect for this festive Downton? Well, all the drama and intrigue that we usually see, of course, with some added spice for the occasion. It's December 1919 and Lord Grantham leads the celebrations. There's present opening, Christmas lunch, the Boxing Day hunt and the servant's ball, all in the Downton style. Two hours of unmissable stuff.

EASTENDERS, BBC1, CHRISTMAS DAY, 9pm

GOING head to head with Downton is the BBC's regular ratings hit - it will be an intriguing battle to see which channel comes out on top. Many will want to watch both shows, so perhaps recording Downton to skip the ads will be an option? As usual you can expect it all to kick-off in the square, and some of the flagship soap's favourites are unlikely to have a merry Christmas.

BEAR'S WILD WEEKEND WITH MIRANDA, C4, BOXING DAY, 9pm

HARD as nails explorer Bear Grylls teams up with comedy actress Miranda Hart for an adventure in the Swiss Alps. Bear has decided to take complete amateurs into extreme conditions and if you say that you don't want to know what happens, then it is clear that you are a liar. A boxing day highlight.

THE ROYAL BODYGUARD, BBC1, BOXING DAY, 9.30pm

WE'RE used to seeing David Jason in Only Fools, but he's back in this new comedy series as Captain Guy Hubble, a Buckingham Palace car park attendant who's accidentally put in charge of Royal security. When he hears there is a planned assassination attempt on the Queen, he really is in trouble and the laughs keep coming.

FAST FREDDIE, THE WIDOW AND ME, ITV1, DECEMBER 27, 7.30pm

TIME to reach for your hanky as this is a desperately sad tale about a terminally ill teen's last Christmas. Selfish car salesman Jonathan works at a youth club after a drink driving order and meets Freddie, who is dying of kidney failure. His world changes as Jonathan tries to give his new friend the perfect Christmas.

FESTIVE FILMS ON THE BOX

POLAR EXPRESS, ITV1, CHRISTMAS EVE, 1.45pm

A GREAT treat to get those excited little ones even more excited. With loveable characters setting off on a frozen trip to restore the magic of Christmas, what's not to like?

SON OF RAMBOW, BBC3, CHRISTMAS EVE, 9.20pm

SUPERB coming of age comedy which follows two schoolboys trying to create their own film version of Stallone's First Blood.

HAPPY FEET, ITV1, CHRISTMAS DAY, 3.10pm

EVERYONE'S favourite penguin flick. Loads of tap-dancing and singing fun for just after your Christmas lunch.

RATATOUILLE, BBC1, CHRISTMAS DAY, 4.50pm

A FILM about a rat wanting to becoming a gourmet chef. It probably shouldn't have got out of an ideas meeting, but somehow, someway, this works.

TROPIC THUNDER, BBC1, DECEMBER 27, 10.45pm

TERRIFIC satire comedy, written, produced and directed by Ben Stiller. A group of actors getting into real-life trouble when filming a Vietnam War movie. An excellent send up of Hollywood.

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC, BBC2, DECEMBER 29, 6.20pm

ONE for the ladies as the title probably suggests. A funny, sometimes silly chic-flick, which will perhaps remind you of Sex and the City.

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Don't miss great TV this Christmas!

Monday 19th December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15** Rip Off Britain (S) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer (R/S) **11.00** Real Rescues (R/S) **11.30** Cash in the Attic (S) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (R/S) **1.00** News; Regional News (S) **1.40** Only Fools and Horses (R/S) **2.30** Helicopter Heroes (R/S) **3.15** Escape to the Country (R/S) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British (S) **4.30** Flog It (R/S) **5.15** Pointless (R/S) **6.00** News; Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show (S)
7.30 Inside Out (S)
8.00 EastEnders Yusef wants to take Zainab and Kamil to Pakistan. (S)
8.30 A Question of Sport Christmas Special (S)
9.00 Young James Herriot (S)
10.00 News; Regional News (S)
10.35 Imagine: The Art of Stand-Up (S)
11.45 The Graham Norton Show (R/S)
12.30 Weatherview (S) **12.35** Who Do You Think You Are? Robin Gibb (R/S)
1.35 World's Most Dangerous Roads (R/S) **2.35** Masterchef: The Professionals (R/S) **3.35** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **9.20 FILM: Space Camp** (1986) (S) **11.00** The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best at Christmas (R/S) **12.00** Restoration Home (R/S) **1.00** The Weakest Link (S) **1.45** To Buy Or Not to Buy (R/S) **2.30 FILM: Merrill's Marauders** (1962) (S) **4.05** Coast (R/S) **5.05** Watching the Wild: Otters (R/S) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip (R/S) **6.00** Celebrity Eggheads (S) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys (R/S)
7.00 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (R/S)
7.30 Christmas University Challenge (S)
8.00 University Challenge (S)
8.30 The Bleak Old Shop of Stuff (S)
9.30 The Rob Brydon Show Christmas Special (S)
10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (S)
10.30 The Funny Side of Christmas (R/S)
11.30 QI (R/S)
12.00 Rev (R/S) **12.30** The Grumpy Guide to Driving (R/S) **1.00 FILM: The Big Heat** (1953) (S) **2.30** News (R/S) **3.35** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Daybreak (S) **8.30** Lorraine (S) **9.25** Jeremy Kyle (S) **10.30** This Morning (S) **12.30** Loose Women (S) **1.30** News (S) **2.00** May the Best House Win (S) **3.00** Midsomer Murders (R/S) **5.00** Best Dish (S) **6.00** News (S)
7.00 Emmerdale Amy starts to consider keeping her baby. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street A grieving Tracy takes desperate measures to hold on to Steve. (S)
8.00 Countrywise Kitchen at Christmas (S)
8.30 Live Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Christmas Special (S)
10.00 News (S)
10.35 FILM: Dave (1993) Comedy with Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver and Frank Langella. (S)
12.35 The Zone **2.35** Jeremy Kyle (R/S) **3.35** Nightscreen (S) **4.35** Jeremy Kyle's Christmas Wishes (R/S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed (S) **7.30** Perfect Couples (S) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. Double bill. (R/S) **8.50** Frasier. Double bill. (R/S) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (R/S) **10.55** Simpsons. Double bill. (R/S) **11.55 FILM: The Muppets Take Manhattan** (1984) Family comedy with the voices of Jim Henson and Frank Oz. (R) **1.40 FILM: Toys** (1992) Dark fantasy comedy starring Robin Williams, Michael Gambon and Joan Cusack. (R/S) **4.00** Deal or No Deal (S) **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip (S) **5.30** Come Dine with Me (S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
8.00 The Year the Earth Went Wild (S)
9.00 King of Christmas Lights (S)
10.00 Home for the Holidays (S)
11.10 Syria's Torture Machine (S)
12.05 FILM: Rosemary's Baby (1968) (R/S) **2.30 FILM: The Conformist** (1970) **4.25** Drifting (R/S) **4.35** World War II: The Last Heroes (R/S) **5.30** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.35** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **11.05** Ice Road Truckers (R/S) **12.05** The Mentalist (R/S) **1.00** News (S) **1.05 FILM: Eloise at Christmastime** (2003) Fun family comedy starring Julie Andrews, Sofia Vassilieva and Jeffrey Tambor (S) **2.50 FILM: This Christmas** (2007) (S) **5.00** News (S) **5.30** Top 20 Soap Moments (S) **6.00** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers (R/S) **6.55** How to Play Baseball (S)
7.00 The Gadget Show (S)
8.00 Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers (R/S)
9.00 FILM: Step Brothers (2008) Comedy starring Will Ferrell and John C Reilly. (S)
11.00 FILM: Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story (2007) Comedy with John C Reilly, Conner Rayburn and Tim Meadows. (S)
12.50 Supercasino **4.00** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.10** Grey's Anatomy **4.55** County Secrets (R/S) **5.10** Housebusters. Double bill. (R/S)

Tuesday 20th December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15** Rip Off Britain (S) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer (R/S) **11.00** Real Rescues (R/S) **11.30** Cash in the Attic (S) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (R/S) **1.00** News; Regional News (S) **1.40** Only Fools and Horses (R/S) **2.30** Helicopter Heroes (R/S) **3.15** Escape to the Country (R/S) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British (S) **4.30** Flog It (R/S) **5.15** Pointless (R/S) **6.00** News; Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show (S)
7.30 EastEnders (S)
8.00 Holby City (S)
9.00 Young James Herriot (S)
10.00 News; Regional News (S)
10.35 Imagine: The Art of Stand-Up (S)
11.45 The Impressions Show (S)
12.15 FILM: Surviving Christmas (2004) Fun family comedy with Christina Applegate and James Gandolfini. (S)
1.40 Weatherview (S) **1.45** Sign Zone: Frozen Planet (R/S) **2.45** Masterchef: The Professionals (R/S) **3.45** You've Been Scammed (R/S) **4.30** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **9.35 FILM: Herbie Rides Again** (1974) (S) **11.00** Rick Stein's Food Heroes Special (R/S) **12.00** Restoration Home (R/S) **1.00** Olympia: World Cup Highlights (S) **1.45** To Buy Or Not to Buy (R/S) **2.30 FILM: The Red Baron** (S) **4.05** Coast (R/S) **5.05** The Rabbits of Skomer (R/S) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip (R/S) **6.00** Celebrity Eggheads (S) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys (R/S)
7.00 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (R/S)
7.30 Christmas University Challenge (S)
8.00 The Hairy Bikers' Christmas Party (S)
9.00 Mock the Week (S)
9.30 Rev (S)
10.00 Life's Too Short (S)
10.30 The Making of QI (R/S)
11.30 QI (R/S)
12.00 Shooting Stars Special (R/S)
12.30 The Grumpy Guide to Food (R/S)
1.00 FILM: The Secret Beyond the Door (S) **2.35** News (S) **4.30** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Daybreak (S) **8.30** Lorraine (S) **9.25** Jeremy Kyle (S) **10.30** This Morning (S) **12.30** Loose Women (S) **1.30** News (S) **2.00** May the Best House Win (S) **3.00** Midsomer Murders (R/S) **5.00** Best Dish (S) **6.00** News (S)
7.00 Emmerdale (S)
7.30 The Adventurer's Guide to Britain Pembrokeshire National Park, a coastline rich in wildlife and smugglers' caves. (S)
8.00 The Butlin's Story Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the opening of Billy Butlin's first holiday camp. (S)
9.00 The Comedy Annual Phillip Schofield and some of the country's funniest men look back at some moments from 2011. (S)
10.00 News (S)
10.35 FILM: The Bourne Supremacy (2004) Action sequel starring Matt Damon and Franka Potente. (S)
12.35 The Zone **3.05** Kojak (S) **3.55** Nightscreen (S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Treacle People (R/S) **6.25** The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.15** Freshly Squeezed (S) **7.45** Perfect Couples (S) **8.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. Double bill. (R/S) **9.10** Frasier (R/S) **9.40** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (R/S) **10.40** Simpsons. Double bill. (R/S) **11.40 FILM: Swiss Family Robinson** (1960) (R/S) **2.10 FILM: Cheaper By the Dozen 2** (2005) (R/S) **4.00** Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto (S) **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip (S) **5.30** Come Dine with Me (S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
8.00 The Food Hospital (S)
9.00 Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (S)
10.00 Home for the Holidays (S)
11.05 Black Mirror (R/S)
12.30 UK & Ireland Poker (S) **1.30** Sailing (S) **1.55** The Med Cup 2011 (R/S) **2.25** FIVB World Beach Volleyball (S) **3.15** Boxing Weekly (S) **3.45** Survival of the Fittest (R/S) **4.35** Freeze Festival (R/S) **5.30** Scrapheap Challenge (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.35** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **11.05** Ice Road Truckers (R/S) **12.05** The Gadget Show (R/S) **1.05** News (S) **1.10** Animal Rescue Squad (R/S) **1.25 FILM: The Christmas List** (1997) Drama starring Mimi Rogers, Rob Stewart, Stella Stevens and Bill Switzer. (S) **3.10 FILM: Crazy for Christmas** (2005) (S) **5.00** News (S) **5.30** Top 20 Soap Moments (S) **6.00** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers (R/S) **6.55 FILM: Pluto's Sweater** (1949) Classic Disney short animation. (S)
7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers 1 (S)
8.00 Monster Moves (S)
9.00 CSI: Miami (S)
10.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (R/S)
10.55 CSI: Miami (R/S)
11.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (R/S)
12.50 Supercasino **3.55** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.05** The Gadget Show (R/S) **4.55** County Secrets (R/S) **5.05** Housebusters. Double bill. (R/S)

Wednesday 21st December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15** Rip Off Britain (S) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer (R/S) **11.00** Real Rescues (R/S) **11.30** Cash in the Attic (S) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (R/S) **1.00** News; Regional News (S) **1.40** Only Fools and Horses (R/S) **2.30** Helicopter Heroes (R/S) **3.15** Escape to the Country (R/S) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British (S) **4.30** Flog It (R/S) **5.15** Pointless (R/S) **6.00** News; Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show (S)
7.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Christmas A nostalgic celebration of well-loved Christmas dishes (S)
8.30 The Impressions Show (R/S)
9.00 The Royle Family (R/S)
10.00 News; Regional News (S)
10.35 The National Lottery (S)
10.45 Match of the Day (S)
12.05 A Question of Sport Christmas Special (R/S) **12.35** Weatherview (S)
12.40 See Hear (R/S) **1.10** Country Tracks (R/S) **2.10** The Hairy Bikers' Christmas Party (R/S) **3.10** Masterchef: The Professionals (R/S) **4.10** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **9.10 FILM: Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo** (1977) Comedy sequel with Dean Jones and Don Knotts. (S) **10.50** Lifeline (R/S) **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Christmas Party (R/S) **12.00** Restoration Home (R/S) **1.00** The Weakest Link (R/S) **1.45** To Buy Or Not to Buy (R/S) **2.30 FILM: Mackenna's Gold** (1969) (S) **4.35** Coast (R/S) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip (R/S) **6.00** Celebrity Eggheads (S) **6.30** Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (R/S)
7.00 Christmas University Challenge (S)
7.30 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas Special (S)
9.00 Rick Stein's Spanish Christmas (S)
10.00 Ruth Jones' Christmas Cracker (S)
10.40 The Grumpy Guide to Christmas (R/S)
11.40 QI (R/S)
12.10 Life's Too Short (R/S) **12.40** The Grumpy Guide to Work (R/S) **1.10 FILM: Scarlet Street** (1945) (S) **2.50** News (S) **4.10** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Daybreak (S) **8.30** Lorraine (S) **9.25** Jeremy Kyle (S) **10.30** This Morning (S) **12.30** Loose Women (S) **1.30** News (S) **2.00** May the Best House Win (S) **3.00** Midsomer Murders (R/S) **5.00** Best Dish (S) **6.00** News (S)
7.00 Emmerdale Val reassures Amy that she will make a good mum. Gennie is worried. (S)
7.30 Downton Abbey - Behind the Drama The story of the show from the inside. (S)
8.30 A Night of Heroes : The Sun Military Awards 2011 A glittering event paying tribute to our armed forces. (S)
10.00 News (S)
10.35 Michael Buble: Home for Christmas (R/S)
12.00 Grimefighters (R/S) **12.25** The Zone **2.30 FILM: Barb Wire** (1996) Adventure with Pamela Anderson, Temuera Morrison and Steve Railsback. (S) **4.05** Nightscreen (S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.25 The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.15** Freshly Squeezed (S) **7.40** Perfect Couples (S) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. Double bill. (R/S) **9.00** Frasier (R/S) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (R/S) **10.30** Simpsons. Double bill. (R/S) **11.30 FILM: Freaky Friday** (1976) (R/S) **1.25 FILM: Oliver Twist** (2005) (R/S) **4.00** Deal or No Deal (S) **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip (S) **5.30** Come Dine with Me (S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
8.00 Kirstie's Home for Christmas (S)
9.00 Obsessive Compulsive Hoarder (S)
10.00 Home for the Holidays (S)
11.05 Black Mirror (R/S)
12.15 Live from Abbey Road (S) **1.00** Example Backstage (R/S) **1.30** The Album Chart Show Spotlight (S) **1.45** Comedy Lab: Anna & Katy (S) **2.10 FILM: Heat and Dust** (1982) Acclaimed drama with Julie Christie and Greta Scacchi. (R/S) **4.25** World War II: the Last Heroes (R) **5.20** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.35** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **11.05** World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers 1 (R/S) **12.05** Ice Road Truckers (R/S) **1.05** News (S) **1.15** Animal Rescue Squad (R/S) **1.35 FILM: Eloise at the Plaza** (2003) Family comedy with Julie Andrews, Jeffrey Tambor and Sofia Vasseilieva. (S) **3.15 FILM: A Carol Christmas** (2003) Festive drama starring Tori Spelling. (S) **5.00** News (S) **5.30** Top 20 Soap Moments (S) **6.00** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers (R/S) **6.50** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas (S)
7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers 2 (S)
8.00 Cowboy Builders (R/S)
9.00 FILM: Bad Santa (2003) (S)
11.00 FILM: Brothers Solomon (2007) Comedy with Will Forte, Malin Akerman and Lee Majors. (S)
12.50 Pokerstars: The Big Game (S) **1.50** Supercasino **4.00** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.10** Wildlife SOS. Double bill. (R/S) **5.00** County Secrets (R/S) **5.10** Housebusters (R/S) **5.35** House Doctor (R/S)

Panto Review

TVGUIDE 2011

COMPETITION

THIS year's Milton Keynes Theatre pantomime is the magical, treasure-filled adventure Aladdin.

IT STARS pop and musical theatre star Gareth Gates, the hilarious 2010 Britain's Got Talent finalist Paul Burling and West End leading lady Nicola Brazil as Princess Jasmine. And this year they have Genies by the lamp-load with Strictly Come Dancing celebrities Russell Grant, Anita Dobson and Camilla Dallerup.

Sprinkle on some side-splitting comedy, a selection of chart topping songs, bags of family fun, audience participation, a boo-able baddie and, just maybe, a real flying carpet and you've got the biggest, best and funniest panto ever!

But there's a big problem - Aladdin's lamp has gone missing! Lampie has been spotted at landmarks all around Milton Keynes and MK NEWS has exclusively been sent some snaps of the rogue magic lamp. Can you tell us where he is this week and help save the pantomime?

As a reward we are offering one keen-eyed reader a family ticket to see the runaway lamp in Aladdin on Thursday, January 12 at 6pm.

To be in with a chance to win some magical family entertainment, simply send your answer, together with your name, address and contact telephone number, to **competitions@mk-news.co.uk, or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU. The closing date is Wednesday, December 21. The editor's decision is final.**

Aladdin runs at Milton Keynes Theatre until Sunday, January 15 2012. **To book tickets contact 0844 871 7652** (booking fee) or **www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes** (booking fee).

Terms and conditions – Family ticket is four tickets, maximum two adults. Entrants must be available to attend the performance on Thursday, January 12 at 6pm. Camilla Dallerup will be performing as the Genie at this performance.

REVIEW

WHEN was the last time you allowed your inner child to really let rip? When you shouted and cheered, booed and hissed and ate all the sweet and sticky things that you shouldn't?

OKAY, maybe your Saturday nights are jollier than mine. But if you're looking for a good excuse to bring on the Christmas spirit, now is the perfect time to do it. It's panto season and nobody need be left out. Take the kids, grab a granny or a couple of mates or just team up with a neighbour and get on down to old Peking.

China may have moved the clock forward in Beijing but at Milton Keynes Theatre time is standing still. There's no sign of streamlined skyscrapers on the horizon, not the blur of a high-speed train or the whiff of one single SUV to be seen on the eight-lane highways. Handcarts and bicycles are about as modern as it gets - oh, and one smoothly elegant flying carpet! This Aladdin is full of Eastern promise - and loads and loads of glitter.

Audiences at MK expect a class act when it comes to the annual fun fest that is the Christmas panto. They got it for several years on the trot when Bradley Walsh starred in the show. This year MK has a worthy successor to Bradley in the comic impressionist Paul Burling who, as Aladdin's brother, Wishee (he got the hair, I got the looks), is a seismic force measuring around 9.8 on the Richter scale.

Paul, the runner-up on Britain's Got Talent a couple of years back, is a very talented impressionist; he does two virtuoso spots in which, like a machine gun rattling off a hundred rounds of ammunition, he impersonates at least a dozen TV stars from David Walliams to the Mitchell Brothers; Jeremy Clarkson to his BGT triumph Harry Hill. A little later it's just about every cartoon character you've ever heard of. If he weren't on stage, you'd have to lock him up.

Fortunately for him and the audience, he is. He is terrific as the lovable, funny, naughty one that all the kids identify with. It's a thumbs up for Wishee - something you have to give every time he bounds on to the stage.

You'd think that being the best known stammerer in the country would be a problem for someone playing Aladdin. There are certainly plenty of jokes in the show about it. But Gareth Gates breezes through every line and whereas the soppy romantic bits in most pantos send kids rushing to the loo, when Gareth starts singing it's pure panto heaven. He was, after all, runner-up on Pop Idol and his duets with Nicola Brazil, a feisty Princess Jasmine, are, for once, romantic without being wet. There is just one truly bizarre anomaly; when the young couple meet, instantly fall in love and, gazing into each others eyes, sing their first number together, there appears to be a crowd of 1960s partygoers dancing crazily all around them. But the songs are all popular and mostly current hit numbers; from Bruno Mars to Take That to Breaking Free from High School Musical sung by Gareth as he soars high into the air on a gravity-defying magic carpet!

Panto wouldn't be panto without audience participation. So it's right and proper that every time Abanazar, the world's greatest sorcerer (a fiendishly wicked baddie played by Adam Pearce), makes an entrance you get the opportunity to boo and hiss your heart out. Very therapeutic.

There have been topical gags in panto since the very first version of Cinderella was staged at Covent Garden in 1820. This year, at MK Theatre, Strictly Come Dancing (SCD) is the go-to theme. The Slave of the Ring (Djalenga Scott) sashays on to the stage on legs that go on for ever to the famous SCD eight-bar intro. If you're unsure of the Strictly tune, by the time the Genie of the Lamp (SCD pro Camilla Dallerup) is released in a puff of smoke and a shower of sparks, you'll be able to hum it in your sleep. When Russell Grant and then Anita Dobson take over for some of the performances, expect just as much all-round good fun and even more glitz and glamour.

There is nothing like a dame - when it's cast well, that is. John Barr is a great dame and when it comes to a line such as: 'You have something that no other woman has', his retort: 'Ain't that the truth', gets a huge laugh even though it's the millionth time you've heard it. But then they say the old ones are the best. Just as there are some bits of business that just have to be included. When Widow Twankey tries to teach Wishee Washee how to launder clothes, it's a riot but even that is eclipsed by the storming routine performed by Widow Twankey, Wishee and Major Pong doing their version of the 12 Days of Christmas. It's brilliant, it's fun for the whole audience no matter what age you are and it's what panto is all about. This is a cracker of a Christmas show.

PANTO FACTS AND FIGURES

REHEARSALS are over, the show has opened and the all-star cast is onstage bringing panto magic to Milton Keynes.

But what is the back story to all this seasonal fun? Check out some of these festive facts and panto particulars to find out what you can expect from this year's sparkling family show Aladdin....

- During the 12 days of Christmas scene 450 loo rolls will end up in the audience, along with 63 'bras made for three' and more than 3,000 sweets. The company is 60 strong with 24 local children joining eight dancers in the ensemble cast, along with a live band of five.
- You will see more than 100 costumes on stage – the most expensive being worth £10,000. From the Strictly trio of genies you can expect to see a Cha Cha, Samba and the Charleston and Flavia Cacace, Russell Grants 'Strictly' partner, is coming to Milton Keynes to help choreograph his dance in the show.
- The panto wardrobe mistress has bought up all the elastic in MK to make the Juveniles' costumes and has had to order more in!
- This year's panto will include a balloon that spans three feet and one enormous elephant
- The panto company has performed in more than 120 pantomimes between them
- The backstage technical crew at the theatre will put in nearly 8,000 man hours to bring panto magic to the stage this Christmas
- There has been 632 buckets of glitter used to sparkle the sets, along with eight glitter balls. It arrived on five 45 foot trailers.
- You can look forward to singing along to 13 hit songs, which include hits from Kylie and Lady Gaga
- The story of Aladdin comes from the book The Arabian Nights, first published in England between 1704 and 1714. The story was first seen on stage in Covent Garden in 1788.

If you want to know all the backstage gossip from behind the scenes at MK Theatre's panto, make sure you check out the weekly blog on the MK NEWS website at www.mk-news.co.uk/christmas.

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Aladdin

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Panto round-up from around the area

THE Christmas pantomime is as much a part of the festive season as the turkey and there are plenty of fascinating tales and stories being told on stages near the city this Christmas - oh yes there is...

THE LITTLE MERMAID AND THE PIRATES
Stantonbury Campus Theatre, until January 2

A LITTLE panto which sets sail from Stantonbury. Under the sea, Ariel the Mermaid dreams of returning to the human world, where a year ago she saved a young sailor from drowning and she too fell in love. Dare she defy her father - King Neptune, ruler of the seas - and go to the surface to find her true love?

ALADDIN
Derngate Theatre, Northampton, until January 8

STRICTLY Come Dancing star Brian Fortuna appears as Aladdin and Hi-de-Hi's veteran performer Jeffrey Holland is the hilarious dame Widow Twankey. Looking out for Bobby Davro as Wishee Washee and children's favourite Basil Brush as Chief Inspector Basil. Boom boom!

ALICE IN WONDERLAND
Royal Theatre, Northampton, until January 8

SEE the stage transformed into wonderland in this new adaptation of Lewis Carroll's much - loved classic. All of your favourite characters are here, from the White Rabbit and the Cheshire Cat, to the March Hare and the Mad Hatter.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK
Grove Theatre, Dunstable, until January 2

Join Don Gilet (better known as Lucas in Eastenders) and Hollyoaks actress Gemma Bissex for a story packed full of comedy, music and, of course, magic beans. There's TV royalty in Postman Pat and even Blunderbore - the largest giant to be seen on any English pantomime stage.

PETER PAN
The Castle, Wellingborough, until Boxing Day

AN ALL singing, all dancing, flying musical affair which whisks you off to Neverland. Enjoy the thrills and spills of the adventure and the battle against a certain Captain Hook...

DICK WHITTINGTON
Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury, until New Year's Eve

WEST End star Jonathon Wilkes leads the cast as loveable hero Dick in this classic Christmas panto. A live band, dance routines and some good old slaptick comedy mean a good evening is a given.

An alternative to panto-

THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO
The Stables, until January 7

AWARD-WINNING theatre company Strangeface brings an extraordinary mix of masks, puppetry, live music and song to this tale of wild mischief and temptation. Expect madcap escapades in a production which is more Roald Dahl than Disney. Don't lie, you know you want to see it.

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DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

CHRISTMAS market, Odell's Yard, Stony Stratford. With a selection of produce and gifts. From 4pm-8pm.

FRIDAY

HEART and music Christmas concert, Chrysalis Theatre, 8pm. MProductions' highly popular evening of our favourite musical theatre tunes is back. Featuring legendary songs from shows such as American Idiot, Into the Woods and Shrek. Call 07522 515082 for ticket details.

THE night before Christmas house and trance night, SNO!bar, Xscape. Headline DJs: S.Claus (Scott Northey), Ms.Claus (DJ JaX) and Santa's 'Little' Helper (Jason Jay), supported by Rudolph the Red Nose (DJ Salty) and The Grinch (Lloyd Sands). Tickets £5 on door before midnight, £6.50 after, 9pm-3am.

SATURDAY

MEET the camels at Frosts Woburn Sands. Meet the three wise men's camels as they make their journey following the star. The giant animals are beautiful and friendly and have made a special detour to visit children at Frosts this Christmas. From 11am-3pm, free.

SEARCH for Santa, Howe Park Wood. Follow the trail through the woods to find Saint Nick. Timed bookings from 11am-3pm, £5 per child. Book at www.theparkstrust.com.

CHRISTMAS concert, Newport Pagnell Church. Carols from a brass quintet and the MK Music Service. Audience participation a must. Tickets £12 from 01908 558311, starts 6pm.

SHOWING of classic Christmas film, It's A Wonderful Life in New Bradwell Church. Advisable to reserve your place in advance from ursywhite@hotmail.co.uk. Certificate U, 7pm.

SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS Concert, St George's Church, Wolverton. Featuring Great Horwood Silver Band. Tickets from the church, adults £4.50, unwaged £3, under fives free. Church open for soup and prayers at noon on Fridays or community breakfast at 9.15pm on Saturday. Call 01908 321701.

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CAROLS by the lake, Willen Lake North. A festive afternoon of carol singing, 4-5.30pm. Free.

MONDAY

FESTIVE wreath making at The Forest Centre, Forest of Marston Vale. Event aimed at four to ten-year-olds. All materials provided. All children to be accompanied by an adult, £2.50 per child. Four sessions at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Call 01234 767037 to book.

CHRISTMAS craft sessions, MKC Library. For ages four to 11 years old. Free tickets available from the children's library - limited to 20 places per session. Parents/carers are encouraged to support their child throughout. Between 2-3.30pm, also on Tuesday and Wednesday. More details at central.library@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

TUESDAY

CRAFTY Christmas, Campbell Park Pavilion, CMK. Make your own Christmas decorations between 10.30am and 1pm. Free.

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Tomorrow-Saturday, 8pm

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Tickets cost £5.95 per child.

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE CORNERSTONE

START your festive celebrations by coming to join in with some of the singing at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, Central Milton Keynes, at the Chorale's It's Christmas concert.

Milton Keynes Chorale will be accompanied by Tim Grant-Jones on the organ and by members of MK Brass, who will also be performing solo pieces.

This Christmas programme mixes some beautiful modern settings with traditional, well-loved arrangements where you can join in. There will also be poetry and prose readings.

The Chorale is delighted that its new musical director, Tom Appleton, will be conducting this concert.

Tom is a member of the world-famous Monteverdi Choir, under the baton of Sir John Eliot Gardiner, and is building up an impressive freelance conducting career for himself. He is currently also the conductor of the Kings Lynn Festival Chorus and the Southend Festival Chorus.

Tickets for the concert, at 8pm on Saturday, are £10 and only £1 for U16s, including festive refreshments. They are available from Chorale Ticket Sales on 01908 617697, or in person from the Church of Christ the Cornerstone.

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QUIZ

Answers on Page 21.

1. What is traditionally hidden in the Christmas pudding?
A: A coin B: A watch C: A pair of dice

2. What animals traditionally pull Santa's sleigh?
A: Cats B: Guinea pigs C: Reindeer

3. How many days are there on a traditional advent calendar?
A: 24 B: 25 C: 31

4. According to the song, how many days of Christmas are there?
A: Three B: Nine C: 12

5. Which royal couple started off the fashion for Christmas trees?
A: King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn
B: Queen Victoria and Prince Albert
C: Prince Charles and Princess Diana

6. How did Boxing Day get its name?
A: Lots of boxing matches took place
B: Traditionally, it was a day when employers distributed money, food
C: Children would play hide and seek in boxes

7. What fruit is used to make a traditional Christingle?
A: Peach B: Pear C: Orange

8. What flower is traditionally connected with Christmas?
A: Daisy B: Daffodil C: Poinsettia

9. Who wrote the book A Christmas Carol?
A: Philip Pullman B: Charles Dickens C: JK Rowling

10. What do people traditionally do under mistletoe?
A: Sing B: Kiss C: Dance

GAMES

WHY not make Christmas afternoon as lively as the morning with a traditional party game?

Christmas Day tends to be all excitement and anticipation until after lunch, when many families simply slump into comfy chairs and doze off in front of the TV.

It's not much fun for the children, though, so this year why not get a round of good, old-fashioned party games going to delight and stimulate the whole family?

CHARADES

THIS time-honoured classic has the royal seal of approval, as it's supposed to be a favourite of the Queen herself. Each person in the room writes the names of ten books, films, plays, television programmes or songs on scraps of paper, then folds them and throws them into a large bowl.

If there are lots of you, split into teams and mime to your own team-mates. If there are fewer than eight of you, it's best to simply take it in turns to fish a piece of paper out of the bowl and mime to the assembled group,

The first person to guess correctly then takes his or her turn, and so it goes on. Remember it's always best to have a time limit of, say, two minutes per mime to keep things lively.

THE VICAR'S CAT

THIS is a word game for all ages and one that children have enjoyed over the years.

Each person takes his or her turn to describe 'the vicar's cat' using letters of the alphabet in order. For example, the first player might say: 'The vicar's cat is an awful cat' and the next could say 'the vicars cat is a beautiful cat.' Keep going until a player hesitates for too long, which means they are out, and the last one in wins.

You can always try singing the verses just to speed it along.

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GAMES

WHO'S IN THE HAT?

THIS requires quick thinking and great powers of description. Get everyone in the room to write down the names of ten or more celebrities, book characters or other notable names on scraps of paper, then throw them all into a hat.

As with charades, first decide whether to split into teams or play as individuals. Players or teams have two minutes to take it in turns to pick names out of the hat and describe them as quickly as possible without using initials, rhymes or the name itself.

Each time a correct guess is given, the player selects a new name and continues until the time is up or, if you are really good, you run out of names.

TAP THE PAN

A GAME of suspense and deduction. You take turns to leave the room while the rest of the players decide on a task you must perform on your return.

It should involve someone or something in the room - for example, moving a picture or eating a mince pie. Give one of the group of players a saucepan and wooden spoon to tap it with. When the first player returns, they move around the room trying to work out what the task is.

As they get closer to the object or person in question, the tapper taps the pan faster and more loudly; as they move further away, the tapper taps slowly and more softly. This continues until the player identifies the object or person and performs the nominated task. The tapper then leaves the room to take their turn and the player to their left becomes the tapper.

IN THE FRAME

YOU need nerves of steel to win this one.
Provide an empty picture frame (or one cut from cardboard) for each player to hold in front of his or her face.

The object of the game is that the player holding the frame must stay completely poker-faced and still (apart from the odd blink) for a whole minute while the other players try to make them laugh by making silly faces and sounds or by telling jokes.
Remember tickling is out as there must be no physical contact between players. You could have a lucky dip box of small prizes for anyone who can go the whole distance without cracking a smile. Play passes to the next player.

CUT THE CHOCOLATE

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Meanwhile, the dice remains in play so the next six could be thrown at any time.
When a six is thrown again the person trying to cut the chocolate must quickly remove the hat, scarf and gloves and pass them (along with the knife and fork) to the person who got the six.
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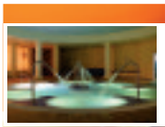
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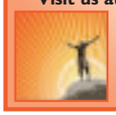
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TV GUIDE 2011

LAPLAND
BBC1, CHRISTMAS EVE, 10pm

Thursday 22nd December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15** Rip Off Britain (S) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer (R/S) **11.00** Real Rescues (R/S) **11.30** Cash in the Attic (S) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (R/S) **1.00** News; Regional News (S) **1.40** Only Fools and Horses (R/S) **2.30** Keeping Up Appearances Christmas Special (R/S) **3.00** Escape to the Country (S) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British (S) **4.30** Flog It (R/S) **5.15** Pointless (R/S) **6.00** News; Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show (S)
7.30 EastEnders Zainab is upset at Yusef for failing to reunite her with her son. (S)
8.00 Sports Personality of the Year 2011 (S)
10.00 News; Regional News (S)
10.35 Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special (R/S)
11.35 FILM: Blades of Glory (2007) (S) **1.05** Skiing Weatherview (S) **1.10** Nigel Slater's Simple Christmas (R/S) **2.10** Rick Stein's Spanish Christmas (R/S) **3.10** Countryfile (R/S) **4.10** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **9.30 FILM: Herbie Goes Bananas** (1980) Comedy with Charles Martin Smith and Chloris Leachman. (S) **11.00** Rick Stein's Spanish Christmas (R/S) **12.00** Restoration Home (R/S) **1.00** The Weakest Link (S) **1.45** To Buy Or Not to Buy (R/S) **2.30 FILM: She Wore A Yellow Ribbon** (1949) Classic Western starring John Wayne and Joanne Dru. (S) **4.15** Coast (R/S) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip (R/S) **6.00** Celebrity Eggheads (S) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys (R/S)
7.00 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen (R/S)
7.30 Christmas University Challenge (S)
8.00 Lorraine's Last Minute Christmas (S)
9.00 FILM: The Young Victoria (2009) Period drama starring Emily Blunt and Rupert Friend. (S)
10.40 The Choir: Military Wives (S) **12.10** Rev (R/S) **12.40 FILM: While the City Sleeps** (1956) (S) **2.20** News (S) **4.10** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Daybreak (S) **8.30** Lorraine (S) **9.25** Jeremy Kyle (S) **10.30** This Morning (S) **12.30** Loose Women (S) **1.30** News (S) **2.00** May the Best House Win (S) **3.00** Midsomer Murders (R/S) **5.00** Best Dish (S) **6.00** News (S)
7.00 Emmerdale Will Ashley go through with the vow renewal? (S)
7.30 The Lakes at Christmas Hoteliers Tom and Clare Noblett set out to prepare the Langdale Chase Hotel for the festive season. (S)
8.00 Emmerdale (S)
8.30 Coronation Street (S)
9.00 Without You Having risked it all and with nothing left to lose, Ellie is determined to get to the truth. (S)
10.00 News (S)
10.35 FILM: Tomorrow Never Dies (1997) Espionage action thriller with Pierce Brosnan, Teri Hatcher and Michelle Yeoh. (S)
12.45 The Zone **2.45 FILM: Serenity** (2005) Spin-off from cult TV series Firefly. (S) **4.40** Nightscreen (S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed (S) **7.35** Perfect Couples (S) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. Double bill. (R/S) **8.55** Frasier. Double bill. (R/S) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (R/S) **11.00** Simpsons. Double bill. (R/S) **11.55 FILM: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids** (R/S) **1.45 FILM: The Princess Diaries** (2001) (S) **4.00** Deal or No Deal (S) **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip (S) **5.30** Come Dine with Me (S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
8.00 Living with the Amish (S)
9.00 London's Burning (S)
10.00 Home for the Holidays (S)
11.10 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night (R/S)
12.00 The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo Premiere Special (S) **12.35** Alex Zane Pops Out (S) **1.05** Comedy Lab. Double bill. (S) **2.05** Happy Endings (S) **2.25** Happy Endings (S) **2.50** Southland (S) **3.35** World War II: The Last Heroes (R) **4.35** St. Elsewhere: E.R. (R/S) **5.25** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.35** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **11.05** World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers 2 (R/S) **12.05** Ice Road Truckers (R/S) **1.10** News (S) **1.15** Zoo Days (R/S) **1.25 FILM: Snow** (2004) (S) **3.15 FILM: Twice Upon a Time** (1998) Romance starring Molly Ringwald, George Newbern and Rob Youngblood. (S) **5.00** News (S) **5.30** Top 20 Soap Moments (S) **6.00** Trucks and Trailers (R/S) **6.55** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas (S)
7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers 3 (S)
8.00 Fairground Attractions (S)
9.00 The Mentalist The San Joaquin killer strikes again and the team are called to investigate. (S)
10.00 It's All About Amy (S)
11.00 Police Interceptors (R/S)
12.00 Supercasino **4.00** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.10** Wildlife SOS. Double bill. (R/S) **5.00** County Secrets (R/S) **5.10** House Doctor (R/S) **5.35** House Doctor (R/S)

Friday 23rd December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15** Rip Off Britain (S) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer (R/S) **11.00** Real Rescues (R/S) **11.30** Cash in the Attic (S) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (R/S) **1.00** News; Regional News (S) **1.40** Only Fools and Horses (R/S) **2.30** Keeping Up Appearances (R/S) **3.00** Escape to the Country (S) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British (S) **4.30** Flog It (R/S) **5.15** Pointless (R/S) **6.00** News; Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show (S)
8.00 EastEnders (S)
8.30 The Two Ronnies Sketchbook (R/S)
9.00 Have I Got News for You Christmas Special (S)
9.30 Miranda(R/S)
10.00 News; Regional News (S)
10.35 The Graham Norton Show Christmas Special (S)
11.35 The National Lottery: 25 Christmas Millionaires (S)
11.50 The Impressions Show (R/S) **12.20** EastEnders (R/S) **2.20** Weatherview (S) **2.25** Lorraine's Last Minute Christmas (R/S) **3.25** News (R/S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **9.20 FILM: Pinocchio** (2002) (S) **11.00** Lorraine's Last Minute Christmas (R/S) **12.00** Restoration Home (R/S) **1.00** The Weakest Link (S) **1.45** To Buy Or Not to Buy (R/S) **2.30 FILM: The Heroes of Telemark** (1965) World War II drama with Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris. (S) **4.35** Coast (R/S) **5.05** Antiques Road Trip (R/S) **5.50** Celebrity Eggheads (S) **6.20 FILM: Nativity** Comedy starring Martin Freeman and Ashley Jensen. (S)
8.00 Raymond Blanc's Christmas Feast (S)
9.00 The Many Lovers of Miss Jane Austen (S)
10.00 QI (S)
10.30 FILM: Tamara Drewe (2010) Romantic comedy with Gemma Arterton and Roger Allam. (S)
12.15 The Rob Brydon Show Special (R/S) **12.45 FILM: Merry Christmas** (2005) War drama with Diane Kruger and Benno Furmann. (S) **2.30** News (S) **3.25** Ceefax (R/S)

ITV1

6.00 Daybreak (S) **8.30** Lorraine (S) **9.25** Jeremy Kyle (S) **10.30** This Morning (S) **12.30** Loose Women (S) **1.30** News (S) **2.00** May the Best House Win (S) **3.00** Midsomer Murders (R/S) **5.00** Best Dish (S) **6.00** News (S)
7.00 Emmerdale Charity is desperate to find a way to help Jai. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Katy saves the day at the nativity play but will she be left holding the baby? (S)
8.00 The Lakes at Christmas (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Sian has some unsettling news for Sophie. (S)
9.00 Jonathan Ross (S)
10.15 News (S)
10.50 FILM: Eyes Wide Shut (1999) Drama by acclaimed director Stanley Kubrick, starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. (S)
1.35 The Zone **3.30 FILM: The Fog** (1980) Atmospheric horror with Adrienne Barbeau and Jamie Lee Curtis. (S) **5.05** Nightscreen (S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Treacle People (R/S) **6.25** The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.15** Freshly Squeezed (S) **7.45** Perfect Couples (S) **8.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. Double bill. (R/S) **9.05** Frasier. Double bill. (R/S) **10.10** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (R/S) **11.10** Simpsons. Double bill (R/S) **12.10 FILM: Three Men and a Baby** (R/S) **2.05 FILM: Hocus Pocus** (S) **4.00** Deal or No Deal (S) **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip (S) **5.30** Come Dine with Me (S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
7.45 Gordon's Christmas Cookalong - Get Ready
8.00 Come Dine with Me (S)
9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special (S)
10.00 Home for the Holidays (S)
11.10 The Inbetweeners Top Ten Moments (R/S)
12.10 The Inbetweeners. Six episodes. (R/S) **3.15** Happy Endings. Double bill. (S) **4.00** Mesh (R/S) **4.05** St. Elsewhere (R/S) **4.55** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.35** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **11.05** World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers 3 (R/S) **12.05** Ice Road Truckers (R/S) **1.05** News (S) **1.10** Animal Rescue Squad (R/S) **1.30 FILM: Eloise at Christmastime** (2003) Family comedy starring Julie Andrews. (S) **3.15 FILM: I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus** (2001) Festive fun starring Connie Sellecca and Corbin Bernsen. (S) **5.00** News (S) **5.30** Top 20 Soap Moments (S) **6.00** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers (R/S) **6.55** The Whalers (S)
7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers 4 (S)
8.00 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads (S)
9.00 Morecambe and Wise Christmas Special (S)
10.05 Tommy Cooper's Christmas (S)
11.10 FILM: Up the Chastity Belt (S) **1.00** Supercasino **4.05** Motorsport Mundial **4.30** Fifth Gear (S) **4.55** County Secrets (R/S) **5.10** House Doctor. Double bill. (R/S)

Christmas Eve

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00** The Nativity (R/S) **10.00** Christmas Saturday Kitchen (S) **11.15** Nigel Slater's Simple Christmas (R/S) **12.15** News; Regional News (S) **12.30** Keeping Up Appearances (R/S) **1.30 FILM: The Santa Clause 2** (2002) (R/S) **3.05 FILM: G-Force** (2009) (S) **4.30** News; Regional News (S) **4.50** Winter Wipeout (S) **5.50 FILM: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe** (2005) (S)
8.00 Merlin (S)
8.45 EastEnders (S)
9.20 Outnumbered: The Christmas Special (S)
10.00 Lapland (S)
11.15 The National Lottery (S)
11.25 News (S)
11.45 Midnight Mass from St George's Cathedral Southwark (S)
12.55 FILM: At First Sight (1999) Drama starring Val Kilmer and Mira Sorvino. (R/S) **2.55** Weatherview (S) **3.00** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies **7.00** CBBC **8.50 FILM: Jump In** (2007) (S) **10.10 FILM: Bicentennial Man** (1999) (S) **12.10 FILM: Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco** (1996) (S) **1.35** Pappano's Essential Tosca (S) **2.35** Tosca from the Royal Opera House (S) **4.45** Christmas University Challenge (S) **5.15** Dad's Army (R) **5.45** Carols from King's (S)
7.00 The John Craven Years (S)
8.00 Morecambe and Wise (R/S)
9.00 The Many Faces of Les Dawson Tracing the career of one of Britain's all time great comedy talents. (S)
10.00 The Best of Les Dawson (R/S)
10.25 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas Special (R/S)
11.55 Blackadder Rides Again (R/S) **12.55** Never Mind the Buzzcocks (R/S) **1.25 FILM: Holiday in Handcuffs** (2007) Romantic comedy with Melissa Joan Hart and Mario Lopez. (S) **2.50** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Signed Stories (R/S) **6.10** Boblins (R/S) **6.20** The Hive. Double bill. (S) **6.35** Handy Manny. Double bill. (S) **7.00** Tati's Hotel. Double bill. (R/S) **7.25** Super Hero Squad Show (S) **7.50** The Cool Stuff Collective (S) **8.15 FILM: Tom and Jerry: The Magic Ring** (2001) **9.25 FILM: Santa Claus: the Movie** (1984) Holiday fantasy with Dudley Moore and John Lithgow. **11.30** Coronation Street Omnibus (R/S) **1.25** News (S) **1.45 FILM: The Polar Express** (2004) (S) **3.35 FILM: E.T** (1982) (S) **5.45** News (S) **6.00** You've Been Framed at Christmas! (R/S) **6.30** The Cube Celebrity Special (S)
7.30 Text Santa (S)
10.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories (S)
11.00 News (S)
11.15 Carols from Bucklebury (S)
12.15 FILM: Connie and Carla (2004) (S) **2.10 FILM: Spartacus** (1960) Historical drama starring Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olicier, and Jean Simmons. (S) **5.20** Nightscreen (S) **5.55** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

5.45 FILM: Hoot (2006) (R/S) **7.15 FILM: Garfield** (2004) (R/S) **8.45 FILM: Olive the Other Reindeer** (1999) (R/S) **9.40** Prep and Landing (R/S) **10.10 FILM: Charlotte's Web** (2006) (R/S) **12.00 FILM: The Muppet Christmas Carol** (1992) (R/S) **1.40** Gordon's Christmas Cookalong - Get Ready (R) **1.50** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On. Double bill. (R/S) **4.00** Deal or No Deal (S) **5.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. Four episodes. (R/S)
7.00 News (S)
7.15 FILM: Hairspray (2007) (S)
9.20 Home for the Holidays (S)
10.55 Bill Bailey: Dandelion Mind (S)
11.55 Father Ted Christmas Special (R)
1.05 Inputoutput (S) **1.15** Comedy Lab (S) **1.45** Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows **2.00** Cee Lo Takes the UK (R/S) **2.10 FILM: Ashes of Time** (2008) (S) **3.45** Southland (S) **4.30** World War II: The Last Heroes (R/S) **5.25** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.55** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **11.25** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads (R/S) **12.25** Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers (R/S) **1.30** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas (S) **1.35 FILM: Mrs Miracle** (2009) (S) **3.25 FILM: Meet the Santas** (2005) Comedy sequel starring Steve Guttenberg and Crystal Bernard. (S) **5.05 FILM: Scrooge - A Christmas Carol** (1951) Drama starring Alastair Sim, Mervyn Johns, Kathleen Harrison and Hermione Baddeley. (S)
7.00 Eddie Stobart: Christmas Delivery (R/S)
8.00 The Gadget Show Christmas Eve Special Suzi investigates 4G and Jason looks at the best new tech for 2012. (S)
9.00 Greatest Christmas TV Moments (R/S)
12.00 Supercasino **4.00** The Great Artists (R/S) **4.25** Divine Designs (R/S) **4.50** Rough Guide to Beaches (R/S) **5.00** Milkshake

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COMPETITIONS

IT'S hard not to love Christmas - family and friends gather together and feasting is high on the agenda.

But with food such a huge part of the festivities, it's a shame that sometimes Christmas dinner can be a little too predictable. Why not break with tradition and give your Christmas dinner a Chinese twist this year?

For the main event, steam and roast a goose packed with vegetables marinated in Lee Kum Kee's Premium Brand Oyster Sauce. Or add oyster sauce to a comforting Hunter's beef stew to cater for family and friends on a chilly Boxing Day.

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DOCTOR WHO

BBC1, CHRISTMAS DAY, 7pm

Christmas Day

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00** The Nativity (R/S) **10.00** Christmas Day Eucharist from Lichfield Cathedral (S) **11.00** Songs of Praise (S) **11.40** Morecambe and Wise: Christmas Show 1971 (R/S) **12.25** News (S) **12.35 FILM: Kung Fu Panda** (2008) (S) **2.00** Top of the Pops Christmas 2011 (S) **3.00** The Queen (S) **3.10 FILM: Monsters vs Aliens** (2009) (S) **4.35** News (S) **4.50 FILM: Ratatouille** (2007) (S) **6.30** The Gruffalo's Child (S)
7.00 Doctor Who (S)
8.00 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special (S)
9.00 EastEnders (S)
10.00 Absolutely Fabulous (S)
10.30 Michael Mcintyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow (S)
11.30 News (S)
11.45 On Christmas Night (S)
11.50 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Christmas Special (R/S)
12.30 The Graham Norton Show Special (R/S) **1.35 FILM: The Hot Chick** (2002) (S) **3.10** Weatherview (S) **3.15** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies **7.10** CBBC **9.35 FILM: The Magic Roundabout** (2005) (S)
10.50 FILM: The Sword in the Stone (1963) (S) **12.10** Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (R/S) **2.10** A Musical Nativity with John Rutter (S) **3.10** The Prince and the Composer (R/S) **4.40** Dad's Army (R) **5.10** Porridge Christmas Special (R) **5.50** The Queen (R/S) **6.00** Christmas University Challenge (S) **6.30** Darcey Bussell Dances Hollywood (S)
8.00 Blackadder the Third (R/S)
8.30 Blackadder the Third (R/S)
9.00 The Toys That Made Christmas Robert Webb tells the story of all our Christmases through the toys we played with. (S)
10.30 James May's Man Lab Christmas Special (R/S)
11.30 Victoria Wood with All the Trimmings (R/S)
12.25 The Many Faces of Les Dawson (R/S) **1.25** QI (R/S) **1.55 FILM: Beyond A Reasonable Doubt** (1956) Drama with Dana Andrews (S) **3.15** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Signed Stories (R/S) **6.10** Boblins. Double bill. (R/S) **6.35** Special Agent Oso. Double bill. (S) **6.55** Sooty (R/S) **7.10** Olly the Little White Van (R/S) **7.15** Annabel's Kitchen (R/S) **7.25** Monk (R/S) **7.30** Horrid Henry (R/S) **7.45 FILM: The Borrowers** (1997) (S) **9.25 FILM: March of the Penguins** (2005) (S) **11.00 FILM: Miracle on 34th Street** (1994) (S) **1.05** News (S) **1.15 FILM: Aladdin** (1993) (S) **3.00** HM the Queen (S) **3.10 FILM: Happy Feet** (2006) (S) **5.10** News (S) **5.30** New You've Been Framed (S) **6.00** Emmerdale (S)
7.00 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special (S)
8.00 Coronation Street (S)
9.00 Downton Abbey (S)
11.05 News (S)
11.20 Benidorm (R/S)
12.35 The Comedy Annual (R/S) **1.35 FILM: The Towering Inferno** (1974) Disaster movie starring Steve McQueen and Paul Newman. (S) **4.20** Kojak (S) **5.15** Nightscreen (S) **5.55** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 FILM: The Ugly Duckling and Me! (2006) (S) **7.40** The Simpsons (R/S) **8.00** The Simpsons (R/S) **8.30 FILM: James and the Giant Peach** (1996) (R/S) **10.00** Gordon's Christmas Cookalong (S) **2.00** Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas (S) **2.30** The Snowman (R/S) **3.00** Celebrity Come Dine with Me (R/S) **4.05** News (S) **4.15** Alternative Christmas Message **4.20** Deal or No Deal (S) **5.20 FILM: Big** (1988) (R/S)
7.15 FILM: Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (R/S)
9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special (S)
10.00 Rude Tube: Epic Christmas Alex Zane has a bulging sack with the 50 greatest Christmas internet clips ever. (S)
11.05 So This is Christmas S)
12.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Special (R/S) **1.10** American Football (S) **4.50** Post Modern Pastimes (R/S) **5.00** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show (R/S) **5.25** Scrapheap Challenge (S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.35** Animal Rescue Squad (R/S) **10.55** Andre Rieu's Christmas Spectacular (S) **11.55** Ice Road Truckers (R/S) **12.55** Ice Road Truckers (R/S) **1.55** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas (S) **2.00 FILM: Mrs Miracle 2** (2010) Drama with Doris Roberts, Jewel Staite and Lauren Holly. (S) **3.45 FILM: Mrs Santa Claus** (1996) Musical starring Angela Lansbury, Charles Burnin and Michael Jeter. (S) **5.30 FILM: The Santa Suit** (2010) Comedy with Kevin Sorbo, Jodie Dowdall and Briana D'Aguanno. (S)
7.25 FILM: The Christmas Card (2006) Drama with Edward Asner John Newton and Alice Evans. (S)
9.05 Eddie Stobart: Trucks, Trailers and Tinsel (R/S)
10.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs Artists and producers unwrap the greatest gifts that musicians have given us. (S)
1.00 Supercasino **3.55** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.05** Nick's Quest (R/S) **4.30** Divine Designs (R/S) **5.00** Milkshake

Boxing Day

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00** Shaun the Sheep (R/S) **9.10** The Gruffalo (R/S) **9.35** The Gruffalo's Child (R/S) **10.00 FILM: The Jungle Book 2** (2003) (S) **11.10 FILM: Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (2008) (S) **12.35** News; Regional News (S) **12.55** Morecambe and Wise: Christmas Show 1976 (R/S) **2.00** Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special (R/S) **3.00** Winter Wipeout (R/S) **4.00 FILM: Shrek 2** (2004) (S) **5.25** News; Regional News (S) **5.40** Jim'll Fix It with Shane Richie (S) **6.10 FILM: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (2008) Animated adventure sequel with Ben Stiller and David Schwimmer. (S)
7.30 The Borrowers (S)
9.00 EastEnders (S)
9.30 The Royal Bodyguard (S)
10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special (S)
10.30 News (S)
10.45 Match of the Day (S)
12.15 FILM: The Guardian (2006) (S) **2.30** Weatherview (S) **2.35** Holby City (R/S) **3.35** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **8.55** Pixar: 25 Magic Moments (R/S) **9.55 FILM: Heidi** (2005) (S) **11.30** The Crimson Wing (S) **12.45** Mansfield Park (S) **2.35 FILM: Emma** (1996) Jane Austen adaptation with Gwyneth Paltrow. (S) **4.30** Final Score (S) **5.10 FILM: Becoming Jane** (2007) Jane Austen biopic with Anne Hathaway. (S)
7.00 Springwatch Christmas Special 2011 (S)
8.30 Christmas University Challenge With teams of graduates from ten universities. (S)
9.00 Jane Austen: The Unseen Portrait? Looking at a possible portrait of the author lost to the world for nearly two centuries. (S)
10.00 Victoria Wood: Seen on TV (R/S)
11.30 Ruth Jones' Christmas Cracker (R/S)
12.10 QI (R/S) **12.40** The Grumpy Guide to Food (R/S) **1.10 FILM: Cat People** (1942) (S) **2.20** News (S) **3.35** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Supernormal (R/S) **6.10** SpongeBob SquarePants (R/S) **6.20** Horrid Henry (R/S) **6.35** Almost Naked Animals. Double bill. (S) **7.05** Fleabag Monkeyface. Double bill. (S) **7.35** Monk (R/S) **7.40 FILM: The Adventures of Pinocchio** (1995) (S) **9.25** Best Ever Christmas Films (R/S) **10.25** Goodnight Mister Tom (R/S) **12.20** News (S) **12.30 FILM: Garfield: a Tail of Two Kitties** (2006) (S) **2.00** 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments (R/S) **3.30 FILM: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (S) **6.20** News (S) **6.30** Emmerdale (S)
7.00 The Unforgettable Ernie Wise (S)
8.00 Coronation Street Becky takes drastic steps to clear her name. (S)
9.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot (S)
11.00 News (S)
11.15 FILM: Gladiator (2000) (S)
2.05 FILM: Vertigo (1958) Classic drama with James Stewart, Kim Novak and Barbara Bel Geddes. (S) **4.10** Nightscreen (S) **5.55** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The Treacle People (R/S) **6.30** Benji the Hunted (R/S) **8.00** The Bear (R/S) **8.30** The Morning Line (S) **9.25** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (S) **10.25** Simpsons. Double bill. (R/S) **11.25 FILM: Bugsy Malone** (1976) (R/S) **1.15** C4 Racing from Kempton Park and Wetherby (S) **3.40** Simpsons (R/S) **4.10** Deal or No Deal (S) **5.10** Christmas Coach Trip (S) **5.45** News (S) **6.05** Hollyoaks (S) **6.35** Come Dine with Me (S)
7.05 FILM: Home Alone (1990) (R)
9.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Miranda (S)
10.00 Chris Moyles' Christmas Quiz Night (S)
10.50 Father Ted: Unintelligent Design (R/S)
11.20 Small, Far Away: The World of Father Ted (R/S)
12.25 Father Ted (R/S) **1.00 FILM: The Godfather** (1972) **4.05** London's Burning (R/S) **5.00** World War II: the Last Heroes (R/S) **5.55** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.35** Meerkat Manor . Double bill. (R/S) **11.35** Ice Road Truckers (R/S) **12.45 FILM: The Producers** (2005) Musical comedy with Matthew Broderick, Nathan Lane, Will Ferrell and Uma Thurman. (S) **3.10 FILM: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** (1954) Musical with Howard Keel, Jane Powell and Jeff Richards. (S) **5.10 FILM: The Wizard of Oz** (1939) Musical starring Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Jack Haley and Bert Lahr. (S)
7.05 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs Entertainment show with a rundown of the nation's all-time favourite Christmas pop songs. (S)
10.00 FILM: Dirty Dancing (1987) Coming-of-age drama with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. (S)
12.05 FILM: Fragile (2005) Horror with Calista Flockhart and Richard Roxburgh. (S) **2.00** Supercasino **4.00** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.10** Grey's Anatomy **4.55** County Secrets (R/S) **5.10** House Doctor. Double bill. (R/S)

Tuesday 27th December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **8.05** Match of the Day (R/S) **9.40 FILM: The Road to El Dorado** (2000) (S) **11.00 FILM: Hotel for Dogs** (2009) (S) **12.35** News; Regional News (S) **12.50** EastEnders (R/S) **2.50** Doctor Who (R/S) **3.50 FILM: Bedtime Stories** (2008) (S) **5.20** News; Regional News (S) **5.35** Celebrity Mastermind (S) **6.05 FILM: Shrek the Third** (2007) (S)
7.30 EastEnders (S)
8.00 Holby City (S)
9.00 Great Expectations (S)
10.00 News; Regional News (S)
10.15 John Bishop's Britain Christmas Special (S)
10.45 FILM: Tropic Thunder (2008) Action comedy starring Ben Stiller and Robert Downey Jr. (S)
12.25 FILM: The Heartbreak Kid (2007) Comedy starring Ben Stiller and Michelle Monaghan. (S) **2.15** Weatherview (S) **2.20** Frozen Planet (R/S) **3.20** Raymond Blanc's Christmas Feast (R/S) **4.20** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **9.15 FILM: Camp Rock** (2008) (S) **10.45** Madagascar (R/S) **11.45** Yellowstone (R/S) **12.45** Racing from Chepstow: Welsh Grand National (S) **3.05** Wild (R/S) **3.15** Coast (R/S) **4.15** Flog It (R/S) **5.00** Escape to the Country (R/S) **5.45** Antiques Road Trip (R/S) **6.30** Christmas University Challenge (S)
7.00 Hi-De-Hi (R/S)
7.30 Dad's Army (R)
8.00 You Have Been Watching... David Croft (S)
9.00 Three Men Go to New England Rory McGrath, Griff Rhys Jones and Dara O Briain head to America. (S)
10.00 Have I Got Old News for You Christmas 2010 (R/S)
10.30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (S)
11.00 Mock the Week (R/S)
11.30 The Toys That Made Christmas (R/S)
1.00 The Grumpy Guide to Work (R/S)
1.30 FILM: I Walked with a Zombie (1943) (S) **2.35** News (S) **4.20** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Supernormal (R/S) **6.10** SpongeBob SquarePants (R/S) **6.20** Horrid Henry (R/S) **6.35** Almost Naked Animals (S) **6.50** Almost Naked Animals (S) **7.05 FILM: The Prince and the Pauper** (1977) (S) **9.25 FILM: King Ralph** (1991) (S) **11.15** News (S) **11.30 FILM: From Time to Time** (2009) (S) **1.20 FILM: Cats and Dogs** (2001) (S) **3.00** All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special (R/S) **4.00** You've Been Framed (R/S) **4.30 FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (2008) (S) **6.30** News (S)
7.00 Emmerdale (S)
7.30 The Adventurer's Guide to Britain (S)
8.00 Susan Boyle - An Unlikely Superstar (R/S)
9.00 Fast Freddie, the Widow and Me (S)
10.30 FILM: King Kong (2005) (S)
11.30 News (S)
11.45 FILM: King Kong (2005) (S)
2.10 Rugby Highlights (S) **3.05** Kojak (S) **3.55** Nightscreen (S) **5.55** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.45 The Treacle People (R/S) **6.55** The Hoobs (R/S) **7.20** Famous Fred (R/S) **7.50** Little Wolf (R/S) **8.15** Perfect Couples (S) **8.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. Double bill. (R/S) **9.40** Frasier. Double bill. (R/S) **10.40** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (S) **11.30** Simpsons. Double bill. (R/S) **12.30 FILM: Five Children & It** (2004) (S) **2.15 FILM: Penelope** (2006) (S) **4.00** Deal or No Deal: (S) **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip (S) **5.30** Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions (R/S) **6.00** The Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
7.30 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (S)
8.00 My Big Fat Gypsy Christmas (R/S)
9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2011 (S)
11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special (R/S)
12.10 Comedy Lab (S) **12.45** Poker (S) **1.40** Extreme Sailing (S) **2.05** Sailing (S) **2.35** Freesports (S) **3.00** Beach Volleyball (S) **4.00** Boxing (S) **4.25** World War II (R/S) **5.20** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.35** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **11.05** Animal Rescue Squad (R/S) **11.20** World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers 4 (R/S) **12.35 FILM: Crazy for Christmas** (2005) Festive drama with Andrea Roth and Howard Hesseman. (S) **2.25 FILM: I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus** (2001) (S) **4.10 FILM: Twice Upon a Time** (1998) Romance starring Molly Ringwald. (S) **5.50 FILM: Little Women** (1994) Adaptation of the classic Louisa May Alcott story starring Winona Ryder and Susan Sarandon. (S)
8.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Finals 1 (S)
9.00 Carry on Christmas (S)
10.05 The Greatest Carry on Films (S)
11.05 FILM: Cor, Blimey! (2000) Drama with Geoffrey Hutchings, Samantha Spiro, Adam Godley and Barbara Windsor. (S)
1.15 Supercasino **3.55** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.05** The Gadget Show Christmas Eve Special (R/S) **4.55** County Secrets (R/S) **5.10** House Doctor. Double bill. (R/S)

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00 FILM: Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (2002) (S) **10.35 FILM: High School Musical 2** (2007) (S) **12.20** News; Regional News (S) **12.35** Only Fools and Horses (R/S) **1.25** The Two Ronnies Christmas Sketchbook (R/S) **2.30 FILM: Shall We Dance?** (2004) (S) **4.05 FILM: Bedknobs and Broomsticks** (1971) **6.00** News; Regional News (S) **6.30** Celebrity Mastermind (S)
7.00 Frozen Planet: The Epic Journey (S)
8.00 Countryfile (S)
9.00 Great Expectations (S)
10.00 News; Regional News (S)
10.20 The National Lottery (S)
10.30 Comic Relief 2011: What a Cracker (S)
12.00 FILM: It's a Boy Girl Thing (2006) (S) **1.25** Weatherview (S) **1.30** Great Expectations (R/S) **2.30 FILM: Nativity** Comedy starring Martin Freeman and Ashley Jensen. **4.10** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **9.00 FILM: The Country Bears** (2002) Disney family film starring Haley Joel Osment and Diedrich Bader. (S) **10.25** Madagascar (R/S) **11.25** Yellowstone (R/S) **12.25** The Many Faces of Michael Caine (R/S) **1.25 FILM: The Man Who Would Be King** (1975) (S) **3.30** Flog It (S) **4.30** Escape to the Country (R/S) **5.30** Antiques Road Trip (R/S) **6.15** Porridge Christmas Special (R)
7.00 Sir Jimmy Savile at the BBC: How's About That Then? (S)
8.00 Top Gear The presenters embark on a road trip across India. (S)
9.30 Three Men Go to New England Rory McGrath, Griff Rhys Jones and Dara O Briain head to America. (S)
10.30 Dara O Briain This is the Show (S)
11.30 Sir Jimmy Savile: As It Happened (R/S)
12.00 QI (R/S) **12.30** Being Ronnie Corbett (R/S) **1.30 FILM: The Leopard Man** (S) **2.35** News (S) **4.10** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Supernormal (R/S) **6.10** SpongeBob SquarePants (R/S) **6.20** Horrid Henry (R/S) **6.35** Almost Naked Animals. Double bill. (S) **7.05** Fleabag Monkeyface. Double bill. (S) **7.35 FILM: K-9** (1989) (S) **9.25** Countrywise at Christmas (R/S) **10.25 FILM: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery** (1966) (S) **12.05** All Star Family Fortunes (R/S) **1.05** News (S) **1.30** After They Were Famous (R/S) **2.35** Midsomer Murders (R/S) **4.30** Lewis (R/S) **6.30** News (S)
7.00 Emmerdale (S)
7.30 Countrywise Kitchen (S)
8.00 Of the Year (S)
9.00 Brand New It'll Be Alright on the Night (S)
10.00 News (S)
10.15 Benidorm (R/S)
11.20 Jonathan Ross (R/S)
12.30 The Zone **2.30 FILM: Village of the Damned** (1995) Horror remake with Christopher Reeve and Kirstie Alley. (S) **4.10** Nightscreen (S) **5.55** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Treacle People Special (R/S) **6.30** The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.20** Wilde Stories (R/S) **7.50** Perfect Couples (S) **8.15** Everybody Loves Raymond. Double bill. (R/S) **9.15** Frasier (R/S) **9.45** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (S) **10.45** Simpsons (R/S) **11.45 FILM: Firehouse Dog** (S) **1.50 FILM: Star Trek: First Contact** (R/S) **4.00** Deal or No Deal (S) **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip (S) **5.30** Come Dine with Me (R/S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
7.30 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (S)
8.00 Jon Snow's 2011 (S)
9.00 The Untold Tommy Cooper (S)
10.35 Felix & Murdo (S)
11.10 The Armstrong and Miller Show - Best Bits
11.40 Ben Elton: Laughing at the 80S (S) **1.40** Abbey Road (S) **2.25** Taio Cruz (R/S) **3.05** Happy Endings (S) **3.55 FILM: Bugles in the Afternoon** (R/S) **5.20** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.40** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **11.10** World's Strongest Man 2011: Finals 1 (R/S) **12.10** News (S) **12.15 FILM: Apache Drums** (1951) (S) **1.50 FILM: Six Black Horses** (1962) (S) **3.25 FILM: Custer of the West** (1967) Western with Robert Shaw, Mary Ure and Jeffrey Hunter. (S) **6.10 FILM: The Witches of Oz Part 1** (2011) Fantasy starring Paulie Rojas, Eliza Swenson, Chrisopher Lloyd and Billy Boyd. (S)
8.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Finals 2 Coverage of the contest that pits some of the world's top strongmen against each other. (S)
9.00 FILM: Ben Hur (2011) Adventure starring Joseph Morgan, Stephen Campbell and Kristin Kreuk. (S)
12.30 Pokerstars: the Big Game **1.30** Supercasino **4.00** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.10** Wildlife SOS. Double bill. (R/S) **4.55** County Secrets (R/S) **5.10** House Doctor. Double bill. (R/S)

Thursday 29th December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00** Shaun the Sheep (R/S) **9.10 FILM: Spy Kids 3: Game Over** (2003) (S) **10.25 FILM: Sharpay's Fabulous Adventure** (2011) (S) **11.55 FILM: George of the Jungle** (1997) **1.20** News; Regional News (S) **1.40** Only Fools and Horses (R/S) **2.35** The Two Ronnies Sketchbook (R/S) **3.35 FILM: Superman Returns** (2006) (S) **6.00** News; Regional News (S) **6.30** Celebrity Mastermind (S)
7.00 Wallace and Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death (R/S)
7.30 EastEnders (S)
8.00 Earthflight (S)
9.00 Great Expectations Pip wants nothing to do with Magwitch. (S)
10.00 News; Regional News (S)
10.20 Absolutely Fabulous (R/S)
10.50 FILM: I Love You, Man (2009) Comedy starring Paul Rudd and Jason Segel. (S)
12.30 Skiing Weatherview (S) **12.35** Sign Zone: James May's Man Lab (R/S) **1.35** Great Expectations (R/S) **2.35** Lapland (R/S) **3.50** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **10.05** Madagascar (R/S) **11.05** Yellowstone (R/S) **12.05 FILM: The Ipcress File** (1965) Spy thriller with Michael Caine and Nigel Green. (S) **1.50 FILM: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** (1988) (S) **3.35** Flog It (R/S) **4.35** Escape to the Country (R/S) **5.35** Antiques Road Trip (R/S) **6.20 FILM: Confessions of a Shopaholic** (2009) Romantic comedy starring Isla Fisher and Hugh Dancy. (S)
8.00 Dragons' Den: The Hilary Devey Story (S)
9.00 QI (S)
9.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (S)
10.00 The Bleak Old Shop of Stuff (R/S)
11.00 Have I Got Old 2010 News for You (R/S)
11.30 QI (R/S)
12.00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (R/S)
12.30 The John Craven Years (R/S) **1.30 FILM: The Body Snatcher** (1945) (S) **2.50** News (S) **3.50** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Monk (R/S) **6.05** SpongeBob SquarePants (R/S) **6.15** Horrid Henry (R/S) **6.30** Almost Naked Animals. Double bill. (S) **6.55** Fleabag Monkeyface. Double bill. (S) **7.25** Share a Story Special (S) **7.40 FILM: New York Minute** (2004) (S) **9.25** Countrywise Winter Special (R/S) **9.55** All Star Family Fortunes (R/S) **10.55 FILM: The Railway Children** (1970) (S) **1.00** News (S) **1.30** After They Were Famous (R/S) **2.30** Agatha Christie's Marple (R/S) **4.30** Inspector Morse (S) **6.30** News (S)
7.00 Emmerdale (S)
7.30 That Was 2011: The News Review of the Year (S)
8.00 Emmerdale (S)
8.30 Coronation Street (S)
9.00 Paddy's 2011 Show and Telly (S)
10.00 News (S)
10.15 FILM: Notting Hill (1999) (S)
12.30 The Zone **2.35 FILM: Scarface** (1983) Violent drama with Al Pacino and Michelle Pfeiffer. (S) **5.25** Nightscreen (S) **5.55** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.10** Wilde Stories (R/S) **7.40** Perfect Couples (S) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. Double bill. (R/S) **9.05** Frasier. Double bill. (R/S) **10.05** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (S) **11.05** Simpsons. Double bill. (R/S) **12.05 FILM: See Spot Run** (2001) (R/S) **1.55 FILM: Never Been Kissed** (1999) (R/S) **4.00** Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip (S) **5.30** Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions (R/S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
7.30 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (S)
8.00 Living with the Amish (S)
9.00 FILM: Dorian Gray (2009) (S)
11.10 Comic Strip Presents: The Hunt for Tony Blair (R/S)
12.20 FILM: The Godfather Part II (1974) Academy award winning sequel with Robert De Niro and Al Pacino. **3.50** Brave New World with Stephen Hawking (R/S) **4.45** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.35** Zoo Days (R/S) **10.50** World's Strongest Man 2011: Finals 2 (R/S) **11.50** News (S) **11.55** Ice Road Truckers (R/S) **12.55 FILM: Back to the Secret Garden** (2001) Period drama with Joan Plowright, George Baker and Camilla Belle. (S) **2.55 FILM: David Copperfield** (2000) Dramatic adaptation of the Charles Dickens novel with Sally Field, Anthony Andrews, and Hugh Dancy. (S) **4.20** The Witches of Oz Part 2 (S)
8.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Finals 3 Coverage of the contest that pits some of the world's top strongmen against each other. (S)
9.00 The Mentalist The team look into the murder of an undercover policewoman. (S)
10.00 It's All About Amy (S)
11.00 The Truth About Cheryl Cole (R/S)
12.00 Supercasino **3.55** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.05** Wildlife SOS. Double bill. (R/S) **4.55** County Secrets (R/S) **5.10** House Doctor. Double bill. (R/S)

Friday 30th December

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00 FILM: The Cat in the Hat** (2003) (S) **10.20 FILM: Sky High** (2005) (S) **11.55 FILM: Paulie** (1998) (S) **1.20** News; Regional News (S) **1.45** Only Fools and Horses. Double bill. (R/S) **3.30 FILM: National Treasure** (2004) (S) **5.30** Wallace and Gromit: A Close Shave **6.00** News; Regional News (S) **6.30** Celebrity Mastermind (S)
7.00 The One Show: Best of 2011 (S)
8.00 EastEnders (S)
8.30 Have I Got News for You (S)
9.00 New Tricks (R/S)
10.00 News (S)
10.10 Regional News and Weather (S)
10.20 The Graham Norton Show (S)
11.05 John Bishop's Britain Christmas Special (R/S)
11.50 The National Lottery (S)
11.55 FILM: Cold Creek Manor (2003) Tense thriller with Dennis Quaid and Sharon Stone. (S)
1.50 Weatherview (S) **1.55** Sign Zone: Great Expectations (R/S) **2.55** Fry's Planet Word (R/S) **3.55** News (R/S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **9.00 FILM: David Copperfield** (1935) (S) **11.05 FILM: The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby** (1947) (S) **12.50 FILM: A Tale of Two Cities** (1958) (S) **2.45** Coast (R/S) **3.45** Flog It (R/S) **4.45** Escape to the Country (R/S) **5.45** Antiques Road Trip (R/S) **6.30** The Good Life (R)
7.00 As Time Goes By (R/S)
8.00 The Many Faces of Dame Judi Dench (S)
9.00 Mrs Dickens' Family Christmas Sue Perkins looks at the marriage of the author through the eyes of his wife. (S)
10.00 QI XL (R/S)
10.45 FILM: Transsiberian (2008) Thriller starring Woody Harrelson and Emily Mortimer. (S)
12.25 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (R/S) **12.55** The Grumpy Guide to Driving (R/S) **1.25 FILM: The Curse of the Cat People** (1944) Fantasy horror with Kent Smith and Simone Simons. (S) **2.35** News (S) **3.55** Ceefax (S)

ITV1

6.00 Monk (R/S) **6.05** SpongeBob SquarePants (R/S) **6.15** Horrid Henry (R/S) **6.30** Almost Naked Animals. Double bill. (S) **7.00** Fleabag Monkeyface. Double bill. (S) **7.35 FILM: Clockwise** (1986) (S) **9.25** The Lakes at Christmas (R/S) **9.55** All Star Family Fortunes (R/S) **10.55** Pollyanna (R/S) **12.55** News (S) **1.30** After They Were Famous (R/S) **2.30** Agatha Christie's Poirot (R/S) **4.30** Inspector Morse (S) **6.30** News (S)
7.00 Emmerdale (S)
7.30 Coronation Street (S)
8.00 That Was 2011 Mark Austin looks back at an extraordinary 12 months of news and events. (S)
8.30 New You've Been Framed (R/S)
9.00 A Royal Year to Remember (S)
10.00 News (S)
10.15 FILM: The Holiday (2006) (S)
12.45 Brand New It'll Be Alright on the Night (R/S) **1.45** The Zone **3.30** Kojak (S) **4.25** Nightscreen (S) **5.55** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

5.40 The Treacle People (R/S) **5.50** The Hoobs **6.40** Wilde Stories (R/S) **7.10** Perfect Couples (S) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond (R/S) **8.35** Frasier (R/S) **9.35** The Big Bang Theory (S) **10.35** Simpsons (R/S) **11.40 FILM: Clueless** (R/S) **1.40 FILM: Cutthroat Island** (R/S) **4.00** Deal or No Deal **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip (S) **5.30** Celebrity Come Dine with Me (R/S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
7.30 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special (S)
8.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Miranda (R/S)
9.00 The Angelos Neil Epithemiou Show (S)
9.30 Lee Evans: Access (R/S)
10.35 An Evening with Lee Evans (R/S)
11.05 The World of Lee Evans (R/S)
11.40 The World of Lee Evans (R/S)
12.15 FILM: The Godfather Part III (S) **3.15** Steve Jobs (R/S) **4.10** Brave New World with Stephen Hawking (R/S) **5.05** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.35** Animal Rescue Squad (R/S) **10.50** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **11.20** World's Strongest Man 2011: Finals 3 (R/S) **12.25** News (S) **12.35** Ice Road Truckers (R/S) **1.30 FILM: Showdown at Abilene** (1956) Western with Martha Hyer and Jock Mahoney. (S) **3.15 FILM: Alice in Wonderland** (1999) Fantasy adventure starring Robbie Coltrane and Whoopi Goldberg. (S) **5.45 FILM: Snow White** (2001) Fairy tale starring Kristin Kreuk and Miranda Richardson. (S)
7.30 Fifth Gear (R/S)
8.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Finals 4 Coverage of the contest that pits some of the world's top strongmen against each other. (S)
9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2011 Some of the most outrageous occurrences in the world of the rich and famous this year. (S)
12.00 Supercasino **4.05** Motorsport Mundial **4.30** Great Scientists (R/S) **4.55** County Secrets (R/S) **5.10** House Doctor. Double bill. (R/S)

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FILMS

TVGUIDE 2011

OUR film buff Lucia Hodgson reviews her top ten flicks of the year.

1: Pina 3D
SADLY only treated to a one-off screening in MK, this documentary is well worth seeking out on DVD or iTunes. Wim Wenders, ever reinventing himself, presented this 3D doc on Pina Bausch, the contemporary dance instructor. Bausch passed away during filming, so never got the chance to see this sublime experimental work. It will move you in a way you wouldn't expect, and you'll be mesmerized by the hypnotic style of dance. All documentary talk this year focused on Senna, but truly groundbreaking work can be found in Pina.

2: Tyrannosaur
PADDY Considine steps behind the camera with impressive and touching results. The chance meeting of a violent alcoholic and a battered charity shop worker sparks an unlikely friendship, where both of their lives clash at a time of tragedy. Deeply moving and brave, Considine's debut is mightily impressive.

3: Kill List
TRULY one of the most original films from an up and coming British director in years, Ben Wheatley takes his cues from The Wicker Man to create a suburban nightmare. What begins as an intense crime thriller tracking two friends in need of cash, and fast, it very quickly turns into a psychological horror. Gory, shocking, and will leave you in complete disbelief.

4: Snowtown
BASED on the real-life mass-murder in a small town in South Australia. The events unfold in unflinching detail, with Daniel Henshall portraying ringleader John in a terrifying fashion. The film joins a growing list of new and impressive Australian film, including the powerful Animal Kingdom earlier this year.

5: Bridesmaids
FOR a while now, the boys have ruled the roster with The Hangover and its many testosterone-fueled predecessors. But Bridesmaids proved that the girls can give as good as they get, in this outrageously lewd comedy from SNL's Kristen Wiig.

6: True Grit
JEFF Bridges' inebriated Marshal meets his match in the feisty Hailee Steinfeld, who hires him to track down her Father's killers. An exciting cinematic ride.

7: Jane Eyre
CARY Fukunaga blew the dust off of the Bronte tome, creating an ethereal and gripping retelling. Michael Fassbender was as beautiful and intense as the northern landscape.

8: Drive
A HEADY mix of romance, violence, neon lights and a sublime soundtrack made Drive one of the films of late summer.

9: Paranormal Activity 3
YES it's a franchise, a third installment, a brand - but much to everyone's surprise, Paranormal Activity 3 delivered.

10: Melancholia
A POWERFUl portrait of a mentally ill woman and her sister as they face the end of the world, with interesting asides on masculinity and science.

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DOWNTON ABBEY
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New Years Day

New Years Eve

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00** New Year's Eve Saturday Kitchen (S) **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers (R/S) **12.00** News; Regional News (S) **12.15** Football Focus (S) **1.00** Formula 1: 2011 Season Review (S) **2.00 FILM: The Pacifier** (2005) (S) **3.30** A Question of Sport (R/S) **4.00** Final Score (S) **5.10** News; Regional News (S) **5.30** Comic Relief 2011: What a Cracker (R/S) **6.25** Winter Wipeout (S)

7.25 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007) Action adventure sequel with Johnny Depp and Keira Knightley. (S)

10.00 News (S)

10.20 Match of the Day Featuring Manchester United v Blackburn and Aston Villa v Chelsea. (S)

11.40 The National Lottery (S)

11.50 New Year Live (S)

12.15 Lee Mack Going Out Live (S) **1.15** Michael Mcintyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow (R/S) **2.15** Weatherview (S)

2.20 News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **10.05 FILM: Home on the Range** (2004) Children's animation with Judi Dench and Roseanne Barr. (S)

11.15 FILM: First Daughter (2004) Teen romantic comedy with Katie Holmes and Marc Blucas. (S) **12.55** Escape to the Country (R/S) **1.35 FILM: Viva Knievel** (1977) Exhilarating action adventure with Evel Knievel and Lauren Hutton. (S) **3.15** Springwatch Christmas Special 2011 (R/S)

4.45 FILM: The Guns of Navarone (1961) World War II action with Gregory Peck and David Niven. (S)

7.15 Flog It (R/S)

8.00 Morecambe and Wise: The Show What Paul Merton Did (R/S)

9.00 Eric and Ernie (R/S)

10.30 Parkinson, Morecambe & Wise (R/S)

11.15 Jools' Annual Hootenanny Featuring Cyndi Lauper, Jessie J, James Morrison and The Vaccines. (S)

1.30 Best of Glastonbury 2011 (R/S)

3.35 Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Signed Stories (R/S) **6.10** Boblins (R/S) **6.20** The Hive (S) **6.30** Handy Manny. Double bill. (S) **7.00** Tati's Hotel (R/S) **7.15** Tati's Hotel (R/S) **7.25** Super Hero Squad Show (S) **7.50 FILM: Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders** (2000) (R/S) **9.25** Monk (S) **9.30** Horrid Henry (R/S) **9.45** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed (R/S) **10.45** Coronation Street Omnibus (S) **1.30** News (S) **1.45 FILM: Pride & Prejudice** (2005) (S) **4.05 FILM: The Queen** (S) **6.05** News (S) **6.30** Harry Hill's Best of Christmas TV Burp (R/S)

7.00 Westlife (R/S)

8.00 The Cube (S)

9.00 Brand New It'll Be Alright on the Night 2 (S)

10.00 News (S)

10.15 The Nation's Favourite Bee Gees Song (R/S)

11.45 News (S)

12.05 That Was 2011 (R/S) **1.05 FILM: The Blues Brothers** (1980) (S) **3.20** In Plain Sight (S) **4.50** Nightscreen (S)

5.55 News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People (R/S) **6.10** The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.00** GT Academy **7.30** Extreme Sailing Series (S) **8.00** The Morning Line (S) **8.55** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (S) **9.50** Shipwrecked: the Island (S) **10.50** Beyonce Live at Roseland (S) **11.55 FILM: Three Men and a Baby** (1987) (R/S) **1.55** C4 Racing from Newbury and Warwick (S) **3.55** Simpsons (R/S) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. Five episodes. (R/S) **6.55** News (S)

7.10 FILM: Porridge (1979) (R/S)

9.00 Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular The funnyman is set to throw a New Year's Eve party to remember. (S)

11.35 Rude Tube Epic Christmas (R/S)

12.40 Simpsons (S) **1.10 FILM: Invasion of the Body Snatchers** (1956) Post-war paranoia horror flick with Kevin McCarthy and Dana Wynter. (R/S) **2.30** Southland (S) **3.15** St. Elsewhere (R/S) **4.05** Brave New World with Stephen Hawking (R/S)

5.00 Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.00** Impossible? (S) **11.00** World's Strongest Man 2011: Finals 4 (R/S) **12.00** Ice Road Truckers (R/S)

12.55 FILM: Ben Hur (2011) Adventure film starring Joseph Morgan, Stephen Campbell Moore, and Kristen Kreuk. (S)

2.20 FILM: Gray Lady Down (1978) (S) **4.30 FILM: 21** (2008) Thriller, based on a true story starring Jim Sturgess, Kevin Spacey and Kate Bosworth. (S) **6.55** 5 News Weekend (S)

7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011 Coverage of the contest that pits some of the strongest men in the world against each other. (S)

8.00 TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks A countdown of the greatest TV magic tricks of all time ranging from Penn and Teller to David Blaine. (S)

11.10 FILM: Up the Front (1972) (S) **12.25** Best of Just for Laughs **12.55** Supercasino **4.00** The Great Artists (R/S) **4.25** Divine Designs (R/S) **4.50** County Secrets (R/S) **5.00** Milkshake

New Years Day

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **8.40** Match of the Day (R/S) **10.00** Winter Wipeout (R/S) **11.00 FILM: Mousehunt** (1997) (S) **12.35** News (S) **12.45** The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message (S) **12.50** Songs of Praise: New Year's Day Big Sing (S) **1.30 FILM: Wallace and Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (2005) Animation with Ralph Fiennes and Helena Bonham-Carter. (S) **2.50 FILM: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian** (2008) (S) **5.05** News; Regional News (S) **5.30 FILM: Bolt** (2008) Animated adventure starring John Travolta and Miley Cyrus. (S)

7.00 EastEnders (S)

8.10 Sherlock (S)

9.40 Absolutely Fabulous (S)

10.10 News; Regional News (S)

10.35 Adele Live at the Royal Albert Hall (S)

11.35 FILM: Cold Mountain (2003) Period drama starring Jude Law and Nicole Kidman. (S)

2.00 Weatherview (S) **2.05** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **9.55 FILM: Gun Fury** (1953) (S) **11.15** New Year's Day Concert Live from Vienna 2012 (S) **12.40 FILM: Dean Spanley** (2008) (S) **2.15 FILM: Force 10 from Navarone** (1978) World War II action with Robert Shaw and Harrison Ford. (S) **4.15** The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message (R/S) **4.20 FILM: The Eagle Has Landed** (1976) (S) **6.30** You Have Been Watching... (R/S)

7.30 Dad's Army (R)

8.00 Great Barrier Reef Exploring the largest living structure on our planet. (S)

9.00 A History of Ancient Britain Special: Orkney's Stone Age Temple Neil Oliver explores a newly-discovered 5,000-year-old temple on Orkney. (S)

10.00 Match of the Day 2 (S)

11.00 QI XL (R/S)

11.45 FILM: Broken Flowers (2005) Comic drama starring Bill Murray and Chloe Sevigny. (S)

1.25 News (S) **2.30** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Signed Stories (R/S) **6.10** Fireman Sam (R/S) **6.20** Boblins (R/S) **6.35** Special Agent Oso. Double bill. (S) **7.00** Sooty (R/S) **7.10** Annabel's Kitchen (R/S) **7.25** Monk (R/S) **7.30** My Phone Genie (S) **7.50** Fort Boyard - Ultimate Challenge (S) **8.15 FILM: Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase** (2001) (S) **9.25 FILM: Beethoven** (1992) Family comedy with Charles Grodin and Bonnie Hunt. (S)

11.00 FILM: Licence to Kill (1989) (S) **1.30** News (S) **1.40** Inspector Morse (R/S) **3.45** Downton Abbey (R/S) **5.45** News (S) **6.00** New You've Been Framed Top 100 Kids (S)

7.00 FILM: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009) (S)

9.45 The Unforgettable John Thaw (S)

10.45 News (S)

11.00 FILM: Analyze This (1999) (S)

12.50 Rugby Highlights (S) **1.45 FILM: The Whole Ten Yards** (2004) (R/S)

3.20 Nightscreen (S) **5.55** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

5.55 The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **6.45 FILM: The Land Before Time** (1988) (R/S) **8.00 FILM: Arctic Tale** (2007) (S) **9.45 FILM: The Bridge on the River Kwai** (1957) Oscar-winning WWII drama with Alec Guinness and William Holden. (R/S) **12.50** C4 Racing (S) **3.20 FILM: True Grit** (1969) (R/S) **5.45** News **6.00** Deal or No Deal (S)

7.00 Come Dine with Me (S)

8.00 The Hotel Comedy-documentary with a new location, new staff, new guests and new calamities. (S)

9.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Jonathan Ross Bear Grylls is helping presenter and chatshow host Jonathan Ross to discover his inner Tarzan. (S)

10.00 Hacks (S)

11.05 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2011 (R/S)

1.10 American Football Live (S) **4.45** The Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show (R/S) **5.10** Post Modern Pastimes (R/S) **5.25** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.00** Meals in Moments (R/S) **10.20** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **10.45** The Top 10 Aussie Soap Moments 2011 (R/S) **11.45** World's Strongest Man 2011 (R) **12.45 FILM: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** (1954) Musical starring Howard Keel and Jane Powell. Seven brothers decide kidnap available women from the next town to be their wives. (S) **2.50 FILM: The Wizard of Oz** (1939) Musical with Judy Garland, Ray Bolger and Jack Haley. (S) **4.55 FILM: Return to Oz** (1985) (S) **6.55** 5 News

7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011: Final It's time to find out who the Strongest Man in the world is as the 34th edition of the competition reaches the final round. (S)

8.00 An Audience with Dame Edna: 1980 (R/S)

9.15 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2011 (R/S)

1.10 Supercasino **4.00** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.10** Nick's Quest (R/S) **4.35** Divine Designs (R/S) **5.00** Milkshake

Monday 2nd January

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00** Wanted Down Under (S) **9.45** Homes Under the Hammer (S) **10.45** Saints and Scroungers (S) **11.30** Britain's Empty Homes (S) **12.00** Bargain Hunt (S) **12.45** News; Regional News (S) **1.10 FILM: Race to Witch Mountain** (2009) (S) **2.45 FILM: Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit** (1993) (S) **4.30** Final Score (S) **5.10** News; Regional News (S) **5.35** Celebrity Mastermind (S) **6.05 FILM: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (S)

8.00 EastEnders (S)

8.30 EastEnders: Farewell Pat (S)

9.00 The Royal Bodyguard (S)

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys (S)

10.00 News; Regional News (S)

10.20 Match of the Day (S)

11.30 FILM: Point Break (1991) (S)

1.25 Weatherview (S) **1.30** Who Do You Think You Are? June Brown (R/S) **2.30** Holby City (R/S) **3.30** Masterchef: The Professionals (R/S) **4.00** You've Been Scammed (R/S) **4.45** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **9.15 FILM: Two Brothers** Children's adventure starring Guy Pearce and Jean-Claude Dreyfus. (S) **10.55 FILM: Win a Date with Tad Hamilton** (2004) Romantic comedy starring Kate Bosworth and Topher Grace. (S) **12.25** EastEnders (R/S) **3.00** Real Rescues (R/S) **3.45** Flog It (S) **4.30** Perfection (S) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth is (S) **6.00** Eggheads (S) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys (S)

7.00 Baking Made Easy (R/S)

7.30 A Question of Taste (S)

8.00 University Challenge (S)

8.30 Island Parish (S)

9.00 Armando's Tale of Charles Dickens Armando looks at the language of David Copperfield and Dickens's use of comedy. (S)

10.00 FILM: Revolutionary Road (2008) Drama with Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. (S)

11.50 FILM: Hideous Kinky (1998) (S)

1.25 News (S) **4.20** Ceefax

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6.00 Supernormal (R/S) **6.10** SpongeBob SquarePants (S) **6.25** Generator Rex (R/S) **6.55** Generator Rex (S) **7.25** Generator Rex (S) **7.55 FILM: Clifford's Really Big Movie** (2004) (S) **9.25 FILM: Beethoven's 2nd** (1993) (S) **11.00** You've Been Framed (R/S) **11.30 FILM: You've Got Mail** (1998) Romantic comedy with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. (S) **1.45** News (S) **2.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot (R/S) **3.55 FILM: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone** (2001) Fantasy film starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson. (S) **6.35** News (S)

7.00 Emmerdale (S)

7.30 Coronation Street (S)

8.00 Cornwall (S)

8.30 Coronation Street (S)

9.00 Endeavour (S)

11.00 News (S)

11.15 FILM: Die Another Day (2002) Spy thriller with Pierce Brosnan and Halle Berry. (S)

1.40 The Zone **3.35** Nightscreen (S) **4.55** Jeremy Kyle (R/S) **5.55** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The Hoobs (R/S) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed (S) **7.35** According to Jim (R/S) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **9.05** Frasier (R/S) **10.10** Big Bang Theory (R/S) **11.05** Simpsons (R/S) **12.10 FILM: Baby's Day Out** (R/S) **2.00 FILM: Von Ryan's Express** (S) **4.15** Deal or No Deal (S) **5.30** Simpsons (R/S) **6.00** Hollyoaks (S) **6.35** The Million Pound Drop (S) **6.55** Come Dine with Me - Made in Chelsea (S)

7.30 Location, Location, Location (S)

7.55 The Million Pound Drop (S)

8.15 Come Dine with Me - Made in Chelsea (S)

8.45 River Cottage (S)

9.05 Countdown - 8 Out of 10 Cats (S)

9.35 The Million Pound Drop (S)

10.00 The Bank Job (S)

11.05 The Angelos Neil Epithemiou Show (R/S)

11.40 Hacks (R/S)

1.30 Jon Snow's 2011 (R/S) **2.25** Year the Earth Went Wild (R/S) **3.20** Ozone (R/S) **3.40** Brave New World (R/S) **4.35** St. Elsewhere (R/S) **5.25** Brothers and Sisters (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.00** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **10.40** World's Strongest Man 2011: Final (R/S) **11.40** 5 News Lunchtime (S) **11.50 FILM: Custer of the West** (1967) Western starring Robert Shaw, Mary Ure and Jeffrey Hunter. (S) **2.35** Magic Beyond Words: the JK Rowling Story (S) **4.20 FILM: The Slipper and the Rose** (1976) Musical with Richard Chamberlain, Gemma Craven and Annette Crosbie. (S)

7.00 The Hotel Inspector (R/S)

8.00 The Greatest Carry on Films A rundown of Carry On's greatest hits. (S)

9.00 FILM: Hitch (2005) Romantic comedy starring Will Smith, Eva Mendes and Kevin James. (S)

11.25 FILM: I Still Know What You Did Last Summer (1998) Horror sequel starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Freddie Prinze Jr. (S)

1.20 Supercasino **4.00** Meals in Moments (R/S) **4.10** Grey's Anatomy **4.55** County Secrets (R/S) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. Double bill. (R/S)

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Regards: Sean O'Connor (Leisure Facilities Manager)

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	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Tue		Early Morning Swim		Adults Only	School Lessons		Public Swim		School Lessons		Swim Lessons		NPSC			Adults Lanes
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Thurs		Early Morning Swim		Over 50's	Aqua Fit	Adults Only	Public Swim		School Lessons		Swim Lessons		Public Swim		Adult Lessons	NPLQ Training
Fri		Early Morning Swim		Adults Only Parent & Toddler		Adults Only	Public Swim		Over 50's	Disabled Club	Swim Lessons		Public Swim		Lane Swim	Relaxation Swim
Sat		NPSC		Swim Lessons			Public Swim						Party Hire			
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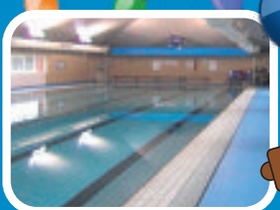

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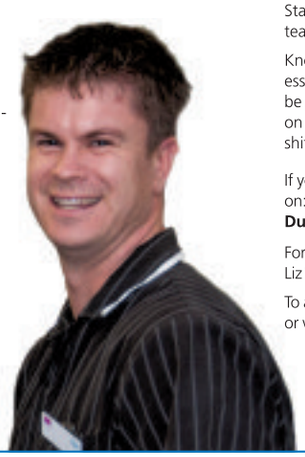

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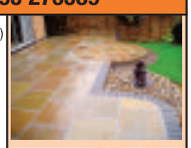

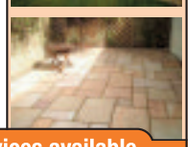

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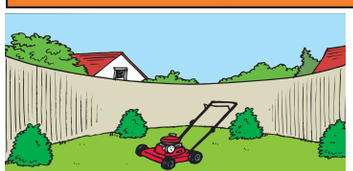

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HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a)
THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A4146 KELLY'S KITCHEN ROUNDABOUT TO A422 MONKS WAY ROUNDABOUT, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201_

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes to enable bridge inspections and routine maintenance works to be carried out in safety.

The works would be carried out in phases using overnight carriageway closures (8pm-6am Sundays to Thursdays, 8pm- 8am Fridays and 8pm to 9am Saturdays) and daytime lane closures, starting on or after Monday 9 January 2012 and would last for approximately 8 weeks.

The effect of the Order would be to -

1. impose a 50 miles per hour speed limit on the A5 -
   - 1.1 northbound carriageway from its northwest junction with the A4146 (south) Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout to a point 1000 metres northwest of the western overbridge at the A422 Abbey Hill/Monks Way Roundabout,
   - 1.2 southbound carriageway from a point 2100 metres northwest of the western overbridge at the A422 Abbey Hill/Monks Way Roundabout to its junction with the A4146 (south) Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout, and
   - 1.3 all slip roads leading to or from the A5 at the following junctions –
     - A422 Abbey Hill/Monks Way,
     - A509 Portway,
     - A421 Redmoor/Grafton Street, and
     - Caldecotte/Bletcham Way/A4146 (north); and
2. close, in phases, the A5 -
   - 2.1 northbound carriageway from its northwest junction with the A4146 (south) Kelly's Kitchen roundabout to the entry slip road at the A422 Abbey Hill/Monks Way Roundabout,
   - 2.2 southbound carriageway from the exit slip road at the A422 Abbey Hill/Monks Way Roundabout to its junction with the A4146 (south) Kelly's Kitchen roundabout, and
   - 2.3 slip roads described at 1.3 above.

All lay-bys adjacent to the lengths of A5 described at 1.1 and 1.2 above would be closed for 24 hours daily for the duration of the works.

Diversions – Only one diversion route would be in operation at any one time.

- Kelly's Kitchen/A4146 (south) roundabout to Caldecotte/Bletcham Way/A4146 (north) junction, northbound diversion via Brickhill Road, V10 Brickhill Street then Bletcham Way, and vice versa for southbound traffic,
- Caldecotte/Bletcham Way/A4146 (north) junction to Redmoor/Grafton Street/A421 roundabout, northbound diversion via Bletcham Way to Granby roundabout then Grafton Street, and vice versa for southbound traffic,
- Redmoor/Grafton Street/A421 roundabout to Portway/A509 roundabout, northbound diversion via A421 Grafton Street, Grafton Gate then Portway/A509 and vice versa for southbound traffic,
- Portway/A509 roundabout to Abbey Hill/Monks Way/A422 roundabout, northbound diversion via Portway/A509, Grafton Street, Monks Way/A422 and vice versa for southbound traffic,
- Northbound entry slip road closure at Abbey Hill/Monks Way/A422 roundabout, diversion via A5 southbound to A509 Portway roundabout, re-join A5 and return northbound, and
- Southbound exit slip road closure at Abbey Hill/Monks Way/A422 roundabout, diversion via A5 southbound to A509 Portway roundabout, re-join the A5 and return northbound.

The temporary speed limit (which would not apply to emergency service or special forces vehicles), closures (which would not apply to emergency service, traffic officer, winter service maintenance or works vehicles) and diversion routes would be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order would come into force on 4 January 2012 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Keith Hutchinson at the Highways Agency Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW or by telephoning 01234 796510.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
ALTERATIONS TO PARKING AND WAITING CONTROLS IN CENTRAL BLETCHLEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 14 December 2011 made 2 Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in relation to parts of Bletchley town centre. The Orders, the titles of which are recited towards the end of this Notice, vary some existing parking and waiting restrictions and introduce some new waiting restrictions in parts of Findlay Way and Queensway. The Orders come into effect on 16 December 2011 and have the following effects within parts of the roads stated below:-

- The increase of the existing operational hours of the Market Traders' Permit places in Queensway and Findlay Way to allow parking between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm from Monday to Saturday;
- The increase of the existing operational hours of the limited waiting parking places in Queensway and Findlay Way from 1 hour to 2 hours maximum stay between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm from Monday to Saturday.

All classes of vehicle are affected by the Orders. Exemptions include Emergency Services vehicles, Military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and disabled persons' badge holders and some others.

Copies of each Order, maps showing the affected roads, Orders to be varied or revoked as a result of the Orders and the Council's Statement of Reasons for proposing the Orders may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day, at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and at Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley during normal opening hours.

Titles of Orders

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Queensway and Findlay Way, Bletchley) (Market Traders' Permit Parking Places) Order 2011

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Queensway, Albert Street and Brooklands Road, Bletchley) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Stopping) Order 2007) Variation Order 2011

Please note:- a proposal to extend the length of the existing parking space in that part of Findlay Way, Bletchley between Oliver Road and Brooklands Road, Notice of which was advertised on 2 November 2011 has been withdrawn, therefore the order mentioned in that Notice and entitled The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Various Roads, Central Bletchley and Fenny Stratford) (Consolidation of Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2002) Variation Order 2011, will not now be made.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director Law and Governance, 14th December 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3HG

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(PART OF LONDON ROAD, BROUGHTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 201..

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an order under sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, proceeding or waiting in that length of London Road carriageway bounded by the following points:

A) A point approximately 19 metres north-west of the eastern kerbline of London Road adjacent to the access to the Manor House

B) A point approximately 75 metres north-west of the eastern kerbline of London Road adjacent to the access to the Manor House

C) A point approximately 19 metres north of the eastern kerbline of London Road adjacent to the access to the Manor House

D) A point approximately 7 metres north of the eastern kerbline of London Road adjacent to the access to the Manor House

The following will be exempt from the provisions of the proposed order: emergency service vehicles, pedal cycles, and vehicles carrying out emergency duties of a statutory undertaker. The Order does not affect pedestrians.

A copy of the draft Order together with a map showing the length of road referred to and Statement of the Council's Reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3HG. Please quote reference number MJ/PE004629

Any representations or objections to the proposed order together with the grounds on which they are made must be **made in writing** quoting reference MJ/PE004629 and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 6th January 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director Law and Governance 14th December 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3HG

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
11/02549/FUL	Conversion of existing garage to a two bedroom annexe including two dormer windows and single storey extension at The Elms, 94 High Street, Newport Pagnell.
11/02574/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Scots Pine tree at 5 Station Road, Woburn Sands.
11/02597/ADV	Advertisement consent to display 5 information boards at Various Sites, Land Off And High Street, Stony Stratford.
11/02626/FUL	Erection of a single storey extension, and alterations to fenestration on south elevation at The Old Coach House, East Street, Olney.
11/02652/FUL	Erection of 5 dwelling houses, 1 bungalow and 5 self contained apartments with vehicular access and parking provision at the Former Scrap Yard, McConnell Drive, Wolverton.
	AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A CONSERVATION AREA
11/02679/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Pear tree (T1); and reduce and reshape crown by 20% and remove water shoots and deadwood of one Apple tree (T2) at 2A Prospect Road, Stony Stratford.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
11/02635/FUL	Alterations to provide 3 guest letting rooms at first floor, installation of external timber staircase and creation of 8 additional car parking spaces at The Bull Hotel, Market Place, Olney.
11/02636/LBC	Listed building consent to provide 3 guest letting rooms at first floor, installation of external timber staircase and creation of 8 additional car parking spaces at The Bull Hotel, Market Place, Olney.
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
11/02658/FUL	Alterations to shop frontages at 735 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes.
11/02659/ADV	Advertisement consent for two illuminated fascia signs at 735 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

11/02627/FUL	Demolition of existing vacant White Hart Public House and erection of part two storey, part three storey 32 bed care home and rehabilitation facility (re-submission of 11/02255/FUL due to incorrect certificate of ownership being completed) at The White Hart, Whaddon Way, Bletchley.

Nick Fenwick
Assistant Director Planning,
Economy and Development

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN & COUNTRY (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT) PROCEDURE ORDER 2010 AND/OR
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73 OF PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Central Bedfordshire

APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03760/FULL	**Listed Building/Public Right of Way**
PROPOSAL:	Conversion of domestic residence to hotel with spa and conference facilities internal works and extension to main house internal works and extension to garage block construction of spa internal works and extension to stable internal works and extension to barn internal works to existing gatehouse construction of second gate house restoration of Victorian ice house construction of 4 cabins	
LOCATION:	Toddington Park House, Park Road, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6HJ	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03761/LB	**Listed Building/Public Right of Way**
PROPOSAL:	Listed Building: Conversion of domestic residence to hotel with spa and conference facilities internal works and extension to main house internal works and extension to garage block construction of spa internal works and extension to stable internal works and extension to barn internal works to existing gatehouse construction of second gate house restoration of Victorian ice house construction of 4 cabins	
LOCATION:	Toddington Park House, Park Road, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6HJ	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03848/FULL	**Affects Conserv Area/General Publicity**
PROPOSAL:	Change of Use and conversion of first and second floor offices into two self contained residential units served by ground floor shared entrance.	
LOCATION:	39 High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1JE	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/04135/OUT	**Affects Conserv Area/General Publicity**
PROPOSAL:	Erection of eight dwellings, access road and associated works	
LOCATION:	Land off Kiln Way, Dunstable, Beds LU5 4GZ	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/04159/FULL	**Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area**
PROPOSAL:	Erection of single storey rear extension to provide 4 No guest bedrooms with new male and female wc facilities and reception area.	
LOCATION:	The Bell Inn, Dunstable Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2QG	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/04160/LB	**Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area**
PROPOSAL:	Single storey rear extension to provide 4 No guest bedrooms with new male and female wc facilities and reception area.	
LOCATION:	The Bell Inn, Dunstable Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2QG	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/04221/FULL	**Affects Conserv Area/General Publicity**
PROPOSAL:	Change of Use from Class A1 (Retail) to Class A2 (Financial & Professional Services)	
LOCATION:	9 High Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DN	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/04262/FULL	**Listed Building/General Publicity**
PROPOSAL:	Erection of single storey extension and alterations	
LOCATION:	Dunstable Baptist Church, St Marys Gate, Dunstable, LU6 3SW	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/04263/LB	**Affects Listed Building or its Setting**
PROPOSAL:	Erection of single storey extension and alterations	
LOCATION:	Dunstable Baptist Church, St Marys Gate, Dunstable, LU6 3SW	

Planning applications, related documents and drawings can be viewed on our website http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning Alternatively, the application can be viewed at our offices at Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ or at the Points of Presence at The Old Court House, Woburn Street, Ampthill, MK45 2HX. The Job Centre Plus Building, High Street, Biggleswade and Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DA. Our customer contact telephone number is 0300 300 8307. A paper copy application is sent to the local Town/Parish Council.

If you wish to make representations about any of these applications should do so within 21 days from the date of this notice by writing to the Head of Development Management, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ, or by email to planning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Please quote the application number/s. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access or similar. Please note any representations received are made available on our website for public inspection and so cannot be treated in confidence.

Assistant Director Development Management 11th December 2011.

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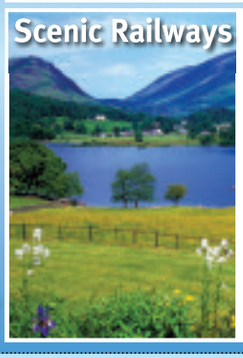

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AUG 6	HARTLEPOOL (H)	D 2-2
AUG 9	CHELTENHAM (A) CC1	W 4-1
AUG 13	EXETER (A)	W 2-0
AUG 16	YEOVIL (A)	W 1-0
AUG 20	CHESTERFIELD (H)	W 6-2
AUG 23	NORWICH (A) CC2	W 4-0
AUG 27	STEVENAGE (H)	W 1-0
AUG 30	BRENTFORD (H) JPT1	D 3-3
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SEP 3	CARLISLE (A)	W 3-1
SEP 10	SHEFF WED (A)	L 3-1
SEP 17	HUDDERSFIELD (H)	D 1-1
SEP 20	BURNLEY (A) CC3	L 2-1
SEP 24	BURY (A)	D 0-0
SEP 27	CHARLTON (H)	D 1-1
OCT 1	NOTTS COUNTY (H)	W 3-0
OCT 10	OLDHAM (A)	L 2-1
OCT 15	BOURNEMOUTH (H)	D 2-2
OCT 22	SCUNTHORPE (H)	D 0-0
OCT 25	SHEFF UTD (A)	L 2-1
OCT 29	WALSALL (A)	W 2-0
NOV 5	ROCHDALE (H)	W 3-1
NOV 12	NANTWICH (H) FAC1	W 6-0
NOV 19	COLCHESTER (A)	W 5-1
NOV 26	WYCOMBE (H)	W 4-3
DEC 3	BARNET (A) FAC2	W 3-1
DEC 10	TRANMERE (A)	W 0-2
DEC 17	PRESTON (H)	
DEC 26	LEYTON ORIENT (A)	
DEC 31	BRENTFORD (A)	
JAN 2	COLCHESTER (H)	
JAN 7	STEVENAGE (A)	
JAN 14	CARLISLE (H)	
JAN 21	NOTTS COUNTY (A)	
JAN 28	SHEFF WED (H)	
FEB 4	HUDDERSFIELD (A)	
FEB 11	BURY (H)	
FEB 14	CHARLTON (A)	
FEB 18	OLDHAM (H)	
FEB 25	BOURNEMOUTH (A)	
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LOCAL FOOTBALL

NEW CITY HEATING MILTON KEYNES SUNDAY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

WILLEN go back top after Stony Stratford drop their first points of the season

Willen beat CS Athletic 2-1 in a hard fought match to go back to the top of the table after Stony Stratford Town dropped their points of the season as they drew 1-1 with the Kings Arms with Dean Robb on the scoresheet for Stony.

FC Lifesearch defeated Great Mile Ash 3-2, Padbury AFC beat Loughton Athletic 4-1 and Trade 2U beat the Open University 4-0 in the division's other games.

DIVISION ONE

AFC Santander climb to the top of the table with a hard fought battle against their nemesis FCMMIX.

A solid team performance after going down to ten men and a 4-1 win gives AFC the upper hand in a fiercely contested division. The AFC goalscorers were Steve Dean, Richard Beevis, Stacie O'Neil and Andy Janes.

Previous leaders Olney Town lost 5-2 to Stoke Hammond MK. Buckingham UTD recorded their win of the season with a 6-1 win against Stacey Bushes. New City Saints beat MK Legends 2-1 and Stantonbury Manor beat Punjab Utd 2-1 win in the other games.

Robinson wary of Brown's boys

BY MARC BAZELEY
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KARL Robinson expects Preston North End to pose a stiff test for his MK Dons side when they visit stadiummk for the Saturday evening kick-off in League One.

The Sky Sports cameras will be there to broadcast the game, which kicks off at 5.20pm, where the Dons will be aiming to continue their five-match winning streak in the league.

Preston, relegated from the Championship last season, were expected to be among the promotion contenders, but instead find themselves down in tenth place.

However, Robinson feels that Phil Brown's side are sitting in something of a false position and was quick to point of some of their best players.

"I'm expecting a team that is full of quality," he said. "[Graham] Alexander, [Ian] Ashbee, [Neil] Mellor, Clarke Carlisle, [Craig] Morgan, Iain Hulme – what a team they have got.

"They're possibly one of the strongest groups of players in the league, so for whatever reason they have not been firing. They've got a manager in Phil Brown who has been there, seen it and done it.

"He's been mentored by Sam [Allardyce] as well, so there's a parallel running between the two of us.

"We both really respect Sam and what he has done for our careers, and it will just be a very good game that we are looking forward to."

Nevertheless, the Dons are currently riding high in the standings, sitting third and just three points behind second placed Sheffield Wednesday.

Robinson admits himself he is not one for looking at league tables, but is nonetheless pleased with how the team have fared so far this campaign.

He said: "I'm very proud of the fact that we are in there with Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Huddersfield and Charlton.

"We could have only dreamt of this two or three years ago being in such a competitive league as this and being able to hold our own.

"We've proven to everybody that we're not a flash in the pan. We know there is a lot of hard work still to be done, but the boys and the players that have worn our shirt over the last 18 months have been a credit to the football club."

Saturday's 2-0 win away to Tranmere Rovers was a sign of that progress, having lost to the same opponents at Prenton Park last season.

Robinson agreed, saying: "I think we're a better team than last year; we're stronger collectively, we've got a much better group of people and a much more athletic group, and I think that the proof was in the result.

"It has been a slow process. It has been 18 months that we've been working on a tactic and a plan that is starting to pay us back now.

"There were times on Saturday where we couldn't play and we had to put it into areas where it made it difficult for them.

"I just think our whole game understanding is starting to improve, and we're only going to get better the more we grow and mature together."

Jab's the way to do it

BY ANDREW STRATTON
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MK DONS maintained their excellent winning run in npower League One with a well deserved victory at Prenton Park.

Tranmere made them fight hard but failed to take their chances as they suffered a fourth successive reverse in the division.

Early play was very scrappy as both sides took time to warm to the cold conditions. Rovers had the first chance but Robbie Weir headed off target in the seventh minute.

Jose Baxter had no better luck for the Merseysiders after good approach work five minutes later.

The Dons could not capitalise from a couple of corners and generally struggled to get in a blow at the home goal.

But they were ahead from their first chance on 19 minutes following a smart counter attack after David Martin comfortably held an Enoch Showunmi header. Adam Smith provided the cross for Jabo Ibehre *(pictured right)* to head in from close range at the far post for his seventh of the season. Showunmi was inches wide with a good effort two minutes later and then John Welsh brought an excellent diving save from Martin on 25 minutes.

Baxter tested Martin again three minutes on and Tranmere were certainly looking threatening.

Luke Chadwick was busy for the Dons and was unlucky with a snap

effort after good approach work on 39 minutes. Then home keeper Paul Rachubka did well to block out a close range strike by Ibehre as the half time whistle approached.

Tranmere sent on Adam McGurk for Lucas Akins at the start of the second period in a tactical change.

Gary Mackenzie headed over from a 47th minute corner as the Dons looked to double their advantage.

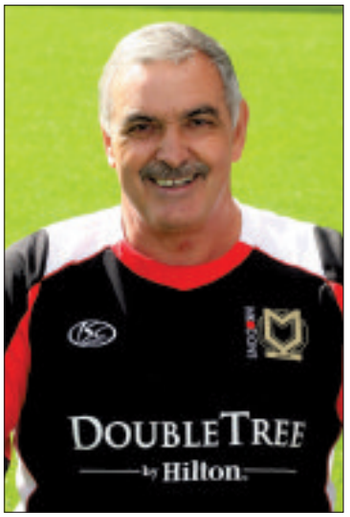
The visitors had Dean Bowditch booked for a challenge on Andy Robinson in the 53rd minute. Martin saved well from the subsequent free kick by the home player.

Chadwick held his head in disbelief as Rachubka somehow got a finger tip to a goal bound effort in the 54th minute. But the Dons were not to be denied on the hour with Shaun Williams firing low past Rachubka from a well placed pass by Charlie MacDonald.

There was a let off for the visitors in the 65th minute. Baxter hit the bar with a 25-yard free kick and Showunmi then somehow fired over from point blank range following the rebound. The home side sent on Mustafa Tiryaki and Joss Labadie to try to change things but it was not to be.

The Dons, who replaced Ibehre with Angelo Balanta and Bowditch with Daniel Powell for the closing minutes, were pretty well disciplined throughout, passed the ball well and generally gave Rovers a footballing lesson.

But they picked up late bookings via Williams and Chadwick for fouls on Labadie and Mark McChrystal. James O'Shea was a third replacement for the Dons in added time as Chadwick came off.



MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

WE'RE in front of the Sky cameras again on Saturday, but that doesn t really affect the players.

Sometimes you want to do well, but the last time we were on TV we didn't put in one of our best performances.

If we do well and put on a show it's great, but football's not like that sometimes and you have to grind out a result.

So we try to pay no attention to the TV cameras, and we want to continue with this good run we are on.

On Saturday we were delighted by the solidarity of the team, and we want to carry on with that.

Before the Tranmere game we were quite harsh on the boys, because in the previous games we had let some goals in and we wanted to tighten up.

Keeping a clean sheet was a real boost.

We are determined to be professional, even when we are winning, to not take anything for granted. The boys have shown a great attitude with regards to that and we've got to show consistency.

We've got the busy Christmas period coming up and I wanted to thank our great fitness coach Damien Doyle, who maintains the boys' fitness levels and keeps them topped up so they will be well prepared for the condensed calendar.

They've been doing some intense fitness exercises, so when the Christmas period comes they are ready for it.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton	20	6	3	0	23	7	8	2	1	20	8	28	47
2	Sheffield Wed	20	8	1	0	19	5	5	2	4	17	19	12	42
3	MK Dons	20	5	5	0	23	12	6	1	3	18	9	20	39
4	Huddersfield	20	6	3	1	19	10	4	5	1	18	8	19	38
5	Sheffield Utd	20	7	2	2	24	14	4	3	2	12	8	14	38
6	Brentford	20	4	2	5	13	14	5	3	1	11	7	3	32
7	Carlisle	20	4	2	3	14	16	5	3	3	13	13	-2	32
8	Notts County	20	6	2	1	19	10	3	2	6	15	18	6	31
9	Stevenage	20	4	4	2	15	10	3	4	3	9	8	6	29
10	Preston	20	4	2	4	17	19	4	1	5	15	17	-4	27
11	Bury	20	3	2	4	11	13	5	1	5	15	18	-5	27
12	Colchester	20	4	4	2	19	16	2	4	4	11	15	-1	26
13	Hartlepool	20	2	2	6	7	13	5	3	2	18	15	-3	26
14	Bournemouth	20	2	2	5	8	13	5	3	3	15	13	-3	26
15	Tranmere	20	4	4	3	9	8	3	1	5	11	15	-3	26
16	Oldham	20	4	2	4	13	13	3	3	4	14	18	-4	26
17	Leyton Orient	20	3	3	5	12	15	2	4	3	10	14	-7	22
18	Exeter	20	4	2	4	12	13	1	3	6	8	20	-13	20
19	Yeovil	20	3	2	6	12	17	1	5	3	10	13	-8	19
20	Scunthorpe	20	2	4	4	15	17	1	5	4	11	15	-6	18
21	Walsall	20	2	4	5	10	15	1	4	4	9	11	-7	17
22	Rochdale	20	2	4	4	12	16	2	1	7	10	22	-16	17
23	Wycombe	20	2	2	6	11	16	2	2	6	12	18	-11	16
24	Chesterfield	20	2	3	5	11	14	1	1	8	14	26	-15	13

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ICE HOCKEY

MK out to give Swindon a festive thumping

MILTON Keynes Lightning play their final games this weekend before heading into the Christmas break and are out to bag two points at home against Swindon Wildcats on Saturday (7pm) to give their fans an early present.

The Lightning sit third in the English Premier League, one point behind Slough but with a game in hand and with seven wins from the last eight.

The Wildcats sit seventh with four wins from eight. When the two sides met in a double-header last month, Nick Poole's side defeated the Wildcats 5-3 at the Link Centre, but 24 hours later Ryan Aldridge's side took their revenge beating Lightning 3-2 at the Thunderdome.

While Wildcats' favourite Aaron Nell has wasted no time since his return from the Elite League showing his prowess in front of goal, Milton Keynes still boasts the tightest defence in the league, having conceded fewer goals so far this season than even league leaders Guildford.

Alex Mettam has stepped up to become statistically the best netminder in the EPL, and goals have come from all of Lightning's lines this season, with Leigh Jamieson revitalised as a forward, and imports Blaz Emersic and Juraj Gracik both making regular contributions to the back of opposition nets.

Lightning go into Saturday's game on the back of a morale-boosting home victory over Slough Jets on Sunday which kept both sets of fans on the edge of their seats until the final buzzer, with two goals and an assist from ever-influential coach Nick Poole, and goals from Jamieson, Emersic and Gracik.

This weekend's fixtures are the last before Lightning go into an 11 day Christmas break which Poole says will help the team prepare for the second half of the season, and their push for silverware.

"We've picked up a few knocks and niggles in the last few weeks - Adam Carr, Muzzy Wales, Ross Bowers and Matt Towalski have all missed odd games, and Grant McPherson is still recovering from shoulder ligament damage, so the break will help everyone heal and, of course, to get some rest over the holidays, and make sure we come out of the blocks fresh and firing on all cylinders when we play again on the 30th.

"We have three games in four days when we come back, so the break will make sure everyone is rested and ready to get straight back into the thick of it."

The Lightning's supporters have a reputation as some of the loudest in the English Premier League, and Poole said the team would be doing everything possible to give them some festive cheer going into the Christmas break.

"Our fans have been superb so far this year they've backed us week in, week out - even at our midweek game against Basingstoke recently we had a superb turnout.

"I said at the start of the season that we want to turn the Thunderdome into a fortress, to make other teams feel beaten even before the first face-off, and the supporters have really got behind that.

"Swindon showed last time they came here that they can give us a fight, and Manchester in their own barn on Sunday will be difficult to beat but we'll be putting everything into having another winning weekend, to give our fans an early Christmas gift."

Lightning face-off against Swindon Wildcats at 7pm on Saturday at the Thunderdome, and the puck drops against Manchester Phoenix in Altrincham at 5.30pm on Sunday, December 18.

Juraj Gracik fires home during a previous clash with Slough and celebrates, *inset*. Picture: Jez Tibbetts

BASKETBALL

Demarius Bolds eyes a basket against Durham. Picture: Robert Dowell

Bold cleans up in win double

MK LIONS travel to Sheffield Sharks on Friday looking to make it four BBL Championship wins on the spin after victories over Durham Wildcats and Cheshire Jets at the weekend.

The latter result, an 86-75 away triumph over the last year's play-off semi-finalists saw Milton Keynes rise to fifth in the Championship table.

It came two days after an 87-74 home win over the Wildcats where Demarius Bolds was in top form with a game-high 37 points.

In Chester, Lions' guard was again firing on all cylinders and led the scoring with an impressive 29-point haul.

A 10-2 start to the contest from the Jets saw the home side take an early advantage in the game.

A Colin O'Reilly three-pointer extended the home side's lead to ten points at 21-11, as the Lions committed five turnovers in their first seven posessions.

Following a time out by head coach Mike New, the visitors came storming back into the contest as they bagged ten of the next 14 points to end the opening period trailing by just four points at 25-21.

The second quarter saw the Lions move themselves into a strong position thanks to an impressive 13-1 burst led by a Howard Crawford slam and two more jams from Bolds. This took the score out to 35-43 with less than two minutes remaining in the half.

The Jets tried to close the gap before the interval but were unable to do so as the Lions headed into the locker room leading 39-47 at the half.

In the second half both sides traded baskets throughout much of the third period that saw the Lions maintaining their advantage.

Adrien Sturt and Daniel Northern began to wear the home side out on the back boards as the Lions were on their way to 52 rebounds.

Despite a resilient effort from beyond the arc by Adam Brown, the visitors held it off to lead 57-64 heading into the final stanza.

In the final period another Brown three-pointer sparked the Jets into life with an 8-2 burst to trim the deficit to just two points at 67-69 midway through the quarter, but the Lions ended the Jets hopes of a remarkable comeback with a game-breaking 12-2 tear.

Nathan Shall blocked a shot which ignited a Crawford basket and then a long three pointer from Nuno Pedroso took the score out to 69-81 with less than two minutes remaining in the contest and the visitors held on for the all-important victory.

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SWIMMING

THE City of Milton Keynes Swim Club finished a creditable fourth in the final of the East Midlands Regional Arena League at the 50 metre pool in Coventry on Saturday.

There was a great team spirit with swimmers coming back from university to swim in the showpiece to finish just outside last year's best ever finish of third place.

There were race victories for Joss Ulyett (200IM, 100BR) Oliver Lines (100BK) Max Murphy (50BR), Isobel Jones (100FR) and Miles McAuliffe (50FR).

There were also county records for the Senior Men's Medley Team (Graham Joyce, Courtney Dos Santos, Ryan Anscomb and Felix Carritt) and also the Senior Women's Medley Team (Rebecca Marshall, Sorcha Smith, Joss Ulyett, and Tasha Pike).

The day after the Arena League meet, the City of Milton Keynes Swim Club hosted their Annual 'Christmas Cracker' meet.

There was a huge turnout of local swimmers taking part at the meet in Bletchley Leisure Centre.

Swimming clubs included Bletchley and District SC, Linslade Crusaders SC, Newport Pagnell SC as well as CMKSC.

The club swimmers took part in 27 events including individual sprint races as well as age group relays. There were some close finishes especially in the relay events and the usual light hearted entertainment in the traditional parent's relays and the family relays.

CYCLING

TEAM Corley Cycles rider Nick Jones secured the senior title in the Central League with a seventh podium finish.

The 24-year-old from Milton Keynes, who came first in five rounds this season, finished behind Matthew Webber (London Phoenix) and Denis Lisbygol (Race Timing Solutions) at Hillingdon to amass 770 points.

In the youth category Zinzan Heap of Team Milton Keynes led from Jonti Heap (Team Milton Keynes) and Laura Cheesman (Preston Park Youth CC) to win.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Hockey Club ladies' first team ended 2011 in style with a fine 3-0 win over Oxford Hawks 2nds on Saturday to move joint top of the league.

Some great interlinking play down the left side of the pitch by player-of-the-match, Sarah Lowry, Chrissy Little and Gemma Meredith created many attacking opportunities and a ball into the D from Laura Browne enabled Meredith to slip the ball through the legs of the Hawks keeper to give MK the lead.

MK doubled their lead not long before half time when Sophie Reynolds fired home a penalty corner strike.

After the interval it was a penalty corner strike, this time from Browne, that gave MK a three-goal cushion and the victory.

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Lightning set for Swindon showdown – page 35

Plan for the future: MK Dons boss Karl Robinson plots his next move on the sidelines during his side's 2-0 win at Tranmere Rovers on Saturday. Picture: Andy Handley

Robinson bucking trend to build Dons in the Barca mould

BY MARC BAZELEY
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KARL Robinson hopes that he is leaving a lasting legacy for the MK Dons with all the work that has been done behind the scenes to get the club to where it is now.

On the field, the Dons have been steadily improving over recent seasons, with Robinson guiding them to a play-off appearance during his first season in charge.

They currently look set to at least equal that this campaign, with the team currently third in League One, and the boss pointed to the progress being made off the field.

"The one thing, when I picked the job up, is that I wanted to leave the club, whenever that day arises, with something that has got a lasting legacy on the place," Robinson explained.

"I think being able to introduce and put things in place behind the scenes has allowed everything to flourish.

"Over the last 18 months the football club has evolved – we're a proper football club.

"We've got an analysis department, a recruitment department, a sports science department and a medical department.

"We're building new suites downstairs, new theatres – you name it, we're doing it and that will all be completed within the next two months.

"The club has just gone from strength to strength and that is the foundation."

Robinson has had to cope with losing several important players over the summer and working with a reduced player wage budget, yet has still kept producing results.

And while he was quick to praise the work done by the backroom staff at stadiummk, he also hailed the attitude and approach of the players.

"It's just down to hard work, I think that's any walk of life," said Robinson.

"If you put enough time aside and dedicate it to your job with passion and with care – obviously you've got to be talented and we have got talented people at the club – but that talent will only ever flourish with hard work backing it up.

"The boys have realised that and with the talent we have got and possess they really are giving everything they have got for the club, and you can't ask for more than that.

"We just give the players everything we've got and the players give us everything they've got and it seems to work.

"We just feel that we can take on everybody at the moment. We're not going to win every battle because it isn't humanly possible to do so, but at least we will give our all to every fight that we enter ourselves in."

A 2-0 win at Tranmere Rovers over the weekend took the Dons' winning run in the league to five games, and Robinson described it as a "near-perfect" performance.

He was keen to emphasise that they are still nowhere near absolute perfection yet, but believes that he has a group of players that are laying good foundations.

"To get the perfect team you've got to talk about Barcelona and those type of teams," Robinson said.

"The performance on Saturday was excellent.

"We did all of the components you look for in a game, but we're a million miles away from being a perfect team because we're nowhere near the budget or strength in depth to get near to the likes of Barcelona. We're getting there slowly and I think we've got a clutch of players as a club that can take us all the way."

■ **Read a preview on Saturday's home televised clash with Preston North End on page 34**

Give unwanted electronics a new home this Christmas

Milton Keynes Council is encouraging everyone to recycle or donate their unwanted electronic items during the Christmas and New Year period, as part of a national campaign aimed at increasing the recycling of small household waste electrical and electronic goods (known as WEEE). We're expecting Santa to deliver lots of new electronic gadgets and gizmos this Christmas, so why not have a clear out now to make way for your new gifts?

The amount of electronic waste we throw away is increasing by around 5% each year, making it the fastest growing waste stream in the UK. The 'WEEE Recycle' campaign has been set up to prevent this growth and to ensure that more unwanted or waste electronic items are either reused or recycled.

Last year in the UK we bought over 1.2 million tonnes of new electrical and electronic equipment - equivalent to 150,000 double-decker buses! Only about half of this amount was reused or recycled responsibly. A significant proportion ended up in landfill, where lead and toxins contained in these items can cause soil and water contamination which can have a harmful effect on natural habitats, wildlife and human health. We therefore urge residents not to throw out any waste household electrical goods in your black sacks – please take them along to one of our three Community Recycling Centres where they will be disposed of responsibly.

An estimated 500 tonnes of Christmas tree lights are discarded in the UK over the Christmas period. Kettles, toasters, hairdryers, cameras, mobile phones - these are some of the small electrical items thrown out in black sacks or just left to gather dust in the back of our cupboards. Here is a simple guide to what can be recycled:

- does it have a mains cable?
- does it need charging?
- does it use replaceable batteries?
- does it have the crossed-out wheelie bin logo on it?

If it does, you are able to recycle it.
If the item is in good working order you could:-

- give it away to relatives or friends
- swap or sell it online
- donate it to charity

Some electrical items contain valuable materials which can raise funds for charities - mobile phones are often collected on behalf of a number of different good causes – **check out charity websites for details.**

To view the advert from WEEE Connect go to www.weeeconnect.co.uk

A waste electronics recycling TV advert has been produced as part of the 'WEEE recycle' campaign which will be aired for the first time on 26 December and will run until 23 January 2012.

The advert aims to raise householder awareness of the need to recycle waste electronics. The organisation which funded the advert, WEEE Connect, believes that the Christmas period is an ideal time to do this as many people receive new electronic items as gifts, meaning old electronic items are no longer needed.

For example, now is a good time to clear out unwanted toys – many of which use batteries. Don't forget to remove old batteries and recycle them in your yellow bag!

In Milton Keynes over the past year we collected around 300 tonnes of electrical waste at our Community Recycling Centres and this included around 35,000 TVs and 6,000 fridges and freezers. All electrical and electronic items, both large and small, are accepted at all three of our Community Recycling Centres:-

Bleak Hall, Chesney Wold, MK6 1NE
New Bradwell, Newport Road, MK13 0AH
Newport Pagnell, North Crawley Road, MK16 9HG

Opening times during the winter months are from 8am – 5pm with the exception of the following days:

• Christmas Eve 8am – 1pm • Christmas Day closed all day
• Boxing Day closed all day • New Year's Eve 8am – 1pm
• New Year's Day closed all day

Please do not put any item bearing this symbol in your black sacks – take it to a CRC site to be recycled.

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www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling

Changes to your refuse collections over Christmas and New Year

Collection days

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
First week of January	
Monday 2nd January	**Wednesday 4th January**
Tuesday 3rd January	**Thursday 5th January**
Wednesday 4th January	**Friday 6th January**
Thursday 5th January	**Saturday 7th January**
Friday 6th January	**Monday 9th January**

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Week following Christmas	
Monday 26th December	**Wednesday 28th December**
Tuesday 27th December	**Thursday 29th December**
Wednesday 28th December	**Friday 30th December**
Thursday 29th December	**Saturday 31st December**
Friday 30th December	**Tuesday 3rd January**

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Second week of January	
Monday 9th January	Tuesday 10th January
Tuesday 10th January	Wednesday 11th January
Wednesday 11th January	Thursday 12th January
Thursday 12th January	Friday 13th January
Friday 13th January	Saturday 14th January

From Monday 26th December recycling and refuse collection dates will change as detailed below - please make a note of the date changes and put your refuse and recycling out on your property boundary by 7am on your revised collection days.

From Monday 16th January – all collections return to normal.

Dates are listed on our website and a handy bin hanger featuring these dates will be delivered to every household by our refuse operatives Serco during early December.

Please note that these dates may be subject to change in the event of extreme weather conditions which could disrupt refuse collections.

For all the latest news on refuse collections please visit **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling** and click on Collections Service Update.

Alternatively, sign up for our free email and text messaging service via our website **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recyclingsignup** which will remind you of the date changes and also alert you if these are subject to further change due to events beyond our control.

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